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2. After the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

15. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.

16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

25. When the **roll-call** of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise, and remain standing, while the Secretary calls the roll of members who have died during the year.

26. The annual **memorial service** shall be held at the opening session of each Conference, and shall consist of a memorial sermon not exceeding thirty minutes in length, followed by a memorial not exceeding three minutes in length concerning each minister or minister's wife deceased during the year. The fuller Memoir shall be printed in the Minutes.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1907.

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* Deceased. † Honorary members. ‡ Transferred to North Indiana Conference.

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1888	Edward J. Moore,		1897	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	"	Clifford L. Myers,	P.
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	William B. Brown,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff, . . . . .	.....
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	William D. English,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott, . . . . .	.....	"	Oliver L. Utter,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Guy P. Benton,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	"	J. R. Troxell,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger, . . . . .	.....
"	Elmer E. Powell,	P.	"	Charles W. Sullivan,	P.
"	Wm. E. Grose,	P.	1899	Warren J. Dunham,	P.
1891	James E. Abrams,* . . . . .	.....	"	Oliver P. Hoffman,	P.
"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.	"	John L. Duckwall,	P.
"	James E. McGee,	P.	"	Samuel A. Stephan,	P.
1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.	"	William F. Martin,	P.
"	John P. Ninde,	P.	1900	Sheridan W. Bell,	P.
"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.	"	Lewis A. Washburn,	P.
"	James R. Hill,* . . . . .	.....	"	David G. Latshaw,	P.
"	William E. Spurrier,	P.	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey,	P.
"	Frank C. English,	P.	"	Samuel A. Keen, . . . . .	.....
"	Philip Trout,	P.	"	Oliver L. Seward,	P.
"	John A. Winkler,†	P.	1902	George Gable,	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.	1903	Adna W. Leonard,	P.
"	William H. Spybey,	P.	"	John F. Chenoweth,	P.
"	William E. Putt,	P.	"	Asa J. Kestle,	P.
"	James P. Gilliland, . . . . .	.....	"	Wilbur E. Hammaker,	P.
"	Herbert Welch,	P.	"	Hugh G. Scudday, . . . . .	.....
"	Walter D. Cole,	P.	"	Elmer W. Serl,	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey, . . . . .	.....	1904	James M. Bailey,	P.
"	George W. Vorhis,	P.	"	Wm. E. Verity,	P.
"	William H. Wehrly,	P.	"	Jacob J. Hawk,	P.
"	William M. Coffman,	P.	1905	Fred. J. Reinbarth,	P.
"	Homer G. Curless,	P.	"	William T. Gilliland,	P.
"	Walter S. Gray,	P.	"	Lewis O. Hartman,	P.
"	William A. Deaton,	P.	"	John Loyd, ††	P.
"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.	1906	Dudley Matthews,¶ . . . . .	.....
"	John E. Beery,	P.	"	Hasse O. Enwall,	P.
"	Alvin K. Stabler, † . . . . .	.....	"	Charles J. Moore, . . . . .	.....
"	John Phillips,	P.	"	Jesse L. Corley,	P.
1894	David S. Ewry,	P.	"	Clarke L. Gowdy,	P.
"	James D. Darling,	P.	"	Benjamin H. Lewis,	P.
"	William A. Wiant,	P.	"	Bert E. Smith,	P.
"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.	"	Purdy L. Van Wicklen, . . . . .	.....
"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.	"	George F. Barber,	P.
"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.	"	William L. Boicourt,	P.
1895	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.	"	George W. Keen,	P.
"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.	1907	Norman O. Sweat,	P.
"	William M. Patton,	P.	"	James M. Bennett,	P.
"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.	"	Walter C. Nash,	P.
"	William C. Mitchell,	P.	.....	T. M. Dowlin, . . . . .	.....
"	John E. Thomas,	P.	.....	Sherman P. Young, . . . . .	.....
"	James S. Young,	P.	.....	Chas. L. Bovard,	P.
1896	George H. Smith,	P.	.....	Chas. F. Gowdy,	P.
"	Harrison H. Couston,	P.	Harry Compton,
1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.	Watson W. Tranter,	P.

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Thousand Times Ten Thousand," was sung. Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District was instructed to prepare a suitable memoir of R. S. Rust for publication in the Conference Minutes. The names of two deceased wives of ministers were announced. M. LeSourd read the memoir of Mrs. C. W. Briggs, and M. B. Fuller that of Mrs. William Herr. "My Heavenly Home Is Bright and Fair" was sung; D. L. Aultman read the Scripture lesson and followed with prayer, after which George S. Easton preached a very impressive memorial sermon from the text, Job. xiv., 15, "Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee." The Conference joined in the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Assistants.—Upon the nomination of the Secretary, the following were elected his assistants: Wilbur L. Y. Davis, C. Clifford Peale, A. W. Leonard, and C. L. Conger. T. W. Salt nominated as his assistants: H. E. Armacost, Bert E. Smith, J. M. Bennett, Alfred Taylor, and they were elected. C. W. Horn nominated his assistants: W. H. Spybey, O. P. Hoffman, J. W. Patton, L. A. Washburn, and they were elected.

Conference Bar.—The bar of the Conference, upon motion of D. J. Starr, was fixed at the seat opposite the rear side of the arch.

Program.—The program for the various anniversaries and special services, as prepared by the Committee on Public Worship, was adopted.

Transfers.—The Board of Examiners, through its chairman, F. G. Mitchell, presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Bishop in charge of the Conference to transfer to it no minister until after he has been admitted to full membership in an Annual Conference. This request shall be printed on the same page with the rules of Conference.

D. J. Starr moved the appointment of a Special Committee of five on World Peace. Upon motion of G. W. Dubois, the subject was referred to the Committee on Reforms.

Committees.—Upon motion of A. B. Austin, the Committee to Nominate the Standing Committees for this session was instructed to fill all vacancies and report the same to Conference for action.

Charles L. Bovard moved that the Conference sessions close promptly at twelve o'clock each day, and it was so ordered.

Introductions.—H. C. Jennings, Senior Publishing Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and spoke briefly regarding the publishing interests of the Church.

Drafts.—The Bishop presented drafts in favor of the fund for Conference Claimants as follows: Dividends from the Book Concern, \$1,817; from the Chartered Fund, \$22; which were ordered signed and passed to the hands of the Board of Stewards.

Dr. George Elliott, Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Dr. W. L. Davidson, Secretary of the American University, was introduced, and told of the present condition and prospects of that institution.

Upon motion, the time of the session was extended.

Frank L. Hart, D. D., Field Superintendent of the Board of Insurance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Nominating Committee presented the following changes in the list of Standing Committees, and the report was adopted: On Auditing Accounts, omit J. E. Abrams, insert J. E. Thomas. Board of Stewards, omit W. L. Y. Davis, insert Philip Trout. Education, omit J. A. Geissinger, insert D. G. Latshaw; omit R. J. Wyckoff, insert S. W. Bell. Nominations, omit J. E. Abrams, insert W. H. Wehrley. Public Worship, omit J. E. Geissinger, insert Chas. L. Bovard. Reforms, omit H. C. Jameson, insert Chas. L. Bovard. 'Womans' Work, omit J. P. Gilliland; insert H. C. Weakley; omit J. R. Hill, insert J. G. Vaughan. On motion of F. G. Mitchell, Class No. 3 of each Standing Committee was elected for three years.

Upon motion, a Statistical Session was ordered for two o'clock this afternoon. The Bishop appointed A. B. Leonard to preside.

Notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the session was closed with the benediction by Dr. Elliott.

AFTERNOON.

Statistical Session.—The Conference reassembled at two o'clock, with A. B. Leonard in the chair. After devotional services, the roll of the pastors was called and the statistical reports were gathered.

Postmaster.—L. O. Hartman was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Philip Trout was excused from the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, and W. L. Y. Davis was substituted. W. A. Wiant was excused from the Auditing Committee. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, E. J. Moore was substituted for George Gable on Committee of Reform.

The session closed with the benediction by Dr. Leonard:

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September 5, 1907.*

CONFERENCE convened this morning at 8:30. The devotional services were conducted by Dr. T. S. Henderson, Field Secretary of the General Conference Commission on Evangelism.

Journal.—The Journal of Wednesday's sessions was read and approved. The list of absentees of yesterday was called, and thirty brethren responded to their names.

Upon motion of H. D. Ketcham, the memorial sermon of George S. Easton was requested for publication in the Conference Minutes; also the memoirs as presented at the memorial service.

Joint Meeting.—The following paper was presented by S. O. Royal:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to arrange for a joint meeting of this Conference with the Lay Electoral Conference, and that in this united meeting the General Conference proposition and other Constitutional questions be presented for explanation and discussion.

On motion of George W. Dubois, the question was divided, and upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the last half of the resolution was stricken out. The Committee was appointed as follows: J. B. Young, A. B. Leonard, G. P. Benton, J. Pearson, J. T. Ball.

Conference Claimants.—John Pearson presented the following paper, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The matter of procuring a comfortable support for our Conference Claimants is just now being favorably agitated before the church; and,

WHEREAS, The report of the General Conference Commission on Conference Claimants now before the Church provides for "a quadrennial joint session of the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences to adopt such measures as will successfully promote, during the quadrennium, the active co-operation of preachers and people in the liberal support of this cause."

Therefore, Resolved, That we invite the Lay Electoral Conference of this Conference, at our joint session, to consider this very important matter.

Constitutional Questions.—Dr. Leonard moved that the time for voting on the Constitutional Questions be fixed for Saturday morning at ten o'clock, and that the vote be taken in the following order :

1. On Bishops for Races and Languages.
2. On the Iowa Change of Ministerial Representation.
3. On the West Wisconsin Change of Ministerial Representation.
4. On the Illinois Change of Ministerial Representation.

Upon motion of J. B. Young, it was amended to make it eleven o'clock this morning.

D. J. Starr moved that after the reading of the minutes to-morrow morning, the Conference proceed to ballot for delegates to the General Conference, and the motion prevailed.

Permanent Fund.—H. C. Weakley moved that the committee appointed on "Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants," consisting of J. B. Young, A. D. Maddox, George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, W. H. Wehrley, and John Pearson, be appointed a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Lay Electoral Conference in relation to this interest, and the motion prevailed.

The Conference, upon motion of John Pearson, reconsidered its action by which it was determined to vote for delegates to the General Conference to-morrow morning.

The Thirteenth Question—"Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?"—was called.

The character of H. C. Jameson, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, was passed, and he read the report of his District. The character of the effective elders in the District was passed, and the collections reported.

The character of S. O. Royal, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, was passed, and he presented his report. Following

which the character of each effective elder passed; those present reported their collections.

After the passing of his character, D. Lee Aultman, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, read his report. The character of the effective elders was passed and collections reported.

The character of A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder of the Milford District, was passed, and he presented his report.

One verse of the hymn beginning, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung.

Upon motion of J. W. Gaddis, the Conference requested A. N. Spahr to preach a semi-centennial sermon at its next session.

J. G. Vaughan moved that the Presiding Elders be instructed to send a letter of sympathy to H. O. Collins, pastor of Mt. Orab, detained by illness.

The character of each effective elder in the Milford District was then passed, and their collections reported.

George W. Dubois, Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, passed an examination of character, and read his report. The character of the effective elders of his district each passed and reported.

Bishop Walden.—At this juncture Bishop J. M. Walden, an honorary member of the Cincinnati Conference, entered, and was invited to the platform, being received with applause.

The following paper was offered by A. B. Leonard, and adopted by rising vote:

Resolved, That we welcome most heartily to this session of our Conference Bishop John M. Walden, whose name we carry as an honorary member of the Cincinnati Conference. That we request Bishop Walden to plan to attend our annual session for 1908, and to deliver a semi-centennial address, as it will close fifty years in the pastorate, Presiding Eldership, Book Agency, and Episcopacy.

Bishop Walden, upon invitation of the Presiding Bishop, took the chair, and the order of the day was taken up.

Item No. 1, pertaining to the Constitutional Change, respecting the election of Bishops with Limited Episcopal Jurisdiction, was read.

J. B. Young moved to limit the speeches to three minutes.

A. B. Leonard moved to amend to five minutes.

D. Lee Aultman offered as a substitute that the Conference proceed to vote without debate. The substitute did not prevail. The amendment was adopted, and the motion, as amended, was adopted. After a spirited discussion, C. L. Conger moved the previous question, and it was ordered.

The count vote resulted as follows: For, 21; against, 128.

Guy Potter Benton presented an invitation from Dr. Mary Sawyer to the Conference to be the guests of the Western College at five o'clock Friday evening, and the invitation was unanimously accepted.

The time of the session was extended until 12.10, at which time the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September 6th*, 1907.

At 8.30 this morning Dr. T. S. Henderson conducted the devotional services, and at nine o'clock the business of the Conference was resumed.

The Journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

Charles L. Bovard, a recent transfer to this Conference from the Montana Conference, and our host, was introduced.

Lakeside.—Upon motion of W. A. Robinson, a Committee upon Lakeside was appointed, consisting of F. G. Mitchell, M. B. Fuller, and J. R. Colley.

Methodist Review.—C. T. Crum was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

D. J. Starr was excused from attendance after to-day's session.

The Statistical Secretary made the call of delinquent charges.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was resumed, and Propositions II, III, and IV, respecting the ratio of Ministerial Representation in the General Conference, were considered, and after an earnest discussion, the vote was taken, resulting as follows: On Proposition II, "the Iowa Conference change of Representation," in favor of, 56; against, 95. On Proposition III, "the West Wisconsin Change of Representation," in favor of, 64; against, 83. On Proposition IV, "the Illinois Conference Change of Representation," in favor of, 93; against, 54.

G. W. Dubois incurred a bill of \$15.68, by the calling of a Committee of Investigation, and upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the Conference ordered the same to be paid by the Publishing Committee.

Levi Gilbert, D. D., Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference with respect to that publication.

S. Griffis, a veteran member of the Kansas Conference, was introduced, and spoke words of greeting.

J. B. Young, of the Committee to wait upon the Lay Electoral Conference, asked for instructions and the privilege of withdrawing to attend to the duty assigned them.

Edwin A. Smith, D. D., President of the Ohio Northern University, was introduced, and spoke of the work of that institution.

Dr. David G. Downey, Field Secretary of the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday-schools, was presented to the Conference, and represented the work of this Society.

D. J. Starr moved that, in view of the consolidation of Benevolences, the Nominating Committee make their nominations to conform to the same.

J. B. Young moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 1:30 for a joint meeting with the Lay Electoral Conference, said meeting to continue one hour.

The Bishop made brief explanation respecting the present membership of this Conference as touching the number of delegates to be elected to the General Conference.

Transfers Requested.—Upon motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Conference requested the Bishop to transfer Charles F. Gowdy, a Supernumerary member of the Central Ohio Conference, to this body.

Transfers Announced.—The following transfers to this Conference were announced: Walter C. Nash from the Austin Conference; F. M. Dowlin from the St. John's River Conference; W. E. Grose from the North Indiana Conference; H. Compton from the Andes Conference, and Charles F. Gowdy from the Central Ohio Conference. Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, Charles F. Gowdy was made Effective.

Seventh Question—"Who have been admitted into full membership?"—was called, and Norman O. Sweat, James M. Bennett,

and Alfred Taylor were called forward, impressively addressed by the Bishop respecting their work as ministers of the gospel, satisfactorily answered the necessary Disciplinary Questions, were reported by their Examiners and represented by their Presiding Elders, and were admitted into full membership.

Norman O. Sweat was elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule. James M. Bennett was elected to Deacon's Orders.

Time Limit.—The following paper was introduced by Frank G. Mitchell, and adopted by a count vote of 127 for, to 23 against:

WHEREAS, The removal of the time limit, while giving relief in comparatively few instances, has caused serious embarrassment to many more Churches and ministers; therefore,

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference to restore a time limit for the pastorate, with some practical provision for clearly exceptional cases;

Resolved, That the delegates elected to the General Conference be instructed to present this memorial, and requested to use their influence to secure legislation in harmony with its spirit.

Election of Delegates.—C. M. Van Pelt moved that we proceed to the election of five delegates to the General Conference, and that motion prevailed.

F. G. Mitchell moved that all visiting ministers of our own and sister Churches be invited to seats on the platform, and the Conference so ordered.

Upon motion of W. J. Baker, it was ordered that in taking the ballot the Conference rise and remain standing until the vote had been cast.

C. L. Conger moved that five, and only five, names be placed upon each ballot.

The Bishop announced the following tellers: C. L. Conger, J. G. Vaughan, C. H. Haines, O. P. Hoffman, W. A. Deaton, M. LeSourd.

F. G. Mitchell moved that where two or more persons have the same surname, the given-name or the initials be used.

The ballot was then cast. Bishop Spellmeyer invited Bishop Walden to take the chair.

J. B. Young, from the Committee appointed to visit the Lay Electoral Conference, reported that it would be agreeable to that

body to hold such meeting at 1.30 this afternoon, and the report was accepted.

The paper on trades unions from J. A. Geissinger was presented by A. B. Leonard, and, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Reforms.

John Pearson presented the report of the Commission on Conference Claimants. A. D. Maddox moved that this report be the sentiment of this Conference, and the motion prevailed by a standing vote of 100 for, 1 against.

Fifth Question—"Who have been continued on trial?"—was taken up.

(a) "In Studies of the First Year."—W. F. Clark, George H. Pettingell, Robert O. Matthews, William H. Cundy were continued on Trial and in the Studies of the First Year, the last named left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Clarence S. Grauser and Anthony E. Huntington were reported by the Board of Examiners, represented by their Presiding Elders, and continued on Trial, being advanced to the Studies of the Second Year. Edward S. Jackson, not having been before the Examiners, was continued on Trial in Studies of the Second Year.

Herbert R. Whiting, after representation by his Presiding Elder, was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year.

(c) "In Studies of the Third Year."—Benjamin H. Lewis was reported by the Examiners and represented by his Presiding Elder, and advanced to Studies of the Fourth Year.

Charles J. Moore, not having been before the Examiners, was continued in Studies of the Third Year.

Bert E. Smith was reported by the Examiners and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year, being left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Clark L. Gowdy was reported by the Examiners, represented by his Presiding Elder, and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

Upon motion of D. Lee Aultman, the character of Purdy L. VanWicklen passed, he was advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year on condition that he furnish a sermon next year, and left without appointment to attend school.

(d) "In Studies of the Fourth Year."—William T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred. J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley, and Walter

C. Nash, having completed the course of study, each passed an examination of character, were reported by their Examiners, represented by the Presiding Elders, and elected to Elder's Orders.

The time of the session was extended.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess' Home and Christ Hospital Association, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the work of the hospital.

S. W. Bell was appointed to receive subscriptions for Byron Palmer's work, "*God's White Throne*."

First Ballot.—At this point, the tellers having returned, the result of the first ballot was announced as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 161. Necessary to a choice, 81. A. B. Leonard having received 120 votes, and H. C. Jameson 110 votes, were declared elected delegates to the General Conference. Others received votes as follows: H. C. Weakley, 74; S. O. Royal, 69; D. Lee Aultman, 57; G. P. Benton, 55; G. W. Dubois, 46; J. A. Story and H. D. Ketcham, 38 each; Herbert Welch, 30; V. F. Brown, 27; C. E. Schenk, 25; A. N. Spahr, 22; W. A. Robinson, 21; John Pearson, 20; F. G. Mitchell, 18; D. W. Clark, 13; J. B. Young, 10; W. P. Thirkield, 8; J. G. Vaughan, 3; and others, one vote each.

Upon motion the session adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled pursuant to adjournment at 1.30, and J. G. Vaughan conducted the devotions.

The Twenty-third Question—"Who are the *Superannuate Preachers?*"—was called. The following brethren were called and continued in the same relation: S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland.

Second Ballot.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, a second ballot was taken for delegates.

Joint Meeting.—The Lay Electoral Conference entered in a body. The Chairman of the Committee introduced Judge T. M. Watts, of Hillsboro, President of the Lay Electoral Conference. The lay delegates-elect were invited to seats on the platform. President Watts introduced Professor C. W. Bennett as the speaker chosen to represent the Lay Conference, and, upon motion of A. B. Leonard, Bishop Spellmeyer responded on behalf of the Conference. Bishop J. M. Walden, upon invitation, also addressed the joint Conference.

J. B. Young, in behalf of the Committee on Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, presented the following paper :

We recommend the following action as the basis of a new policy which, with God's blessing, will, we trust, usher in a better day for those who have worn out their lives in the ministry : 1. We will raise a permanent fund of \$200,000, the interest from which shall be used for the superannuates, then the widows and orphans. Of this amount we reckon that we have already in hand the Mast Bequest of about \$13,000. 2. We request that each charge shall increase its offering for the so-called "Fifth Collection" so that it shall give each year for that object at least so much as it pays toward the support of the Presiding Elder. 3. We recommend the careful selection and appointment of a Field Agent, who shall devote all his time to the task of raising the \$200,000 permanent fund. We believe that the right man can speedily be found for this purpose, and that he will prove useful also in aiding the pastors in the work of increasing their annual collections. The expenditure for salary and traveling expenses of the right man would be insignificant in comparison with the magnificent work which we believe he would be able to achieve.

Bishop Walden read the action of the General Conference on this question. The following paper was read as the action of the Lay Electoral Conference on this question :

Resolved, That a Committee of six laymen, one from each district, and one at large, be appointed by the President, which shall, with a similar Committee appointed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference, be a Committee on Co-operation, to take such measures as will successfully promote, during the quadrennium, the active co-operation of preachers and people in the support of the Conference Claimants ;

Resolved, That we request the Annual Conference to appoint a Committee of five, one from each district, to co-operate with the Committee herein authorized ;

Resolved, That the Committee so chosen constitute one body, and be authorized to formulate and adopt all plans, and do those things requisite to accomplish the work ; and, with this view, the Quarterly Conference on each charge be requested to appoint a Committee of three, of whom the Pastor shall be one, for the purpose of promoting, under the direction of

the General Committee, the active co-operation of the individual members of each Church.

Upon motion of A. B. Leonard, the above papers were adopted by the joint Conference.

The time of the session was extended.

Upon motion of D. J. Starr, the minutes of the Lay Electoral Conference were requested for publication in the Annual Conference Minutes.

Upon motion of H. C. Weakley, the Chairman and Secretary of the Joint Committee were instructed to give the results of this action just taken to the Associated Press and other news agencies at once.

Result of Second Ballot.—The tellers reported the result of the second ballot for delegates to the General Conference as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 156. Necessary to a choice, 79. Stanley O. Royal, having received 82 votes, was declared elected.

Others received votes as follows: H. C. Weakley, 75; D. Lee Aultman, 60; J. A. Story, 37; G. W. Dubois, 30; G. P. Benton, 41; V. F. Brown, 25; H. D. Ketcham, 24; C. E. Schenk, 17; H. Welch, 15; F. G. Mitchell, 13; John Pearson and W. A. Robinson, 10 each; J. B. Young, 7; A. N. Spahr, 4; the remainder scattering.

Upon motion, the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September 7, 1907.*

Dr. T. S. Henderson conducted the devotional services this morning, and at nine o'clock the Bishop called for the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session, which was read and approved.

Charles G. Morrow, of the United Presbyterian Church, and W. J. McShurley, a resident Presbyterian minister of this city, were introduced.

Officers Nominated.—D. Lee Aultman presented the names of John A. Story and A. T. Cowgill as nominees for Conference Trustees, term to expire in 1910, and they were confirmed; also the following as Trustees for the Methodist Home for the

Aged—H. C. Weakley, C. E. Schenk, Mrs. O. J. Wilson, C. W. Bennett, and Robert Johnson, and they were confirmed.

Joint Committee Report.—J. B. Young, on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Better Support of our Superannuates, presented the following report: "The Committee, appointed by the joint action of the Cincinnati Conference and the Lay Electoral Conference, at the session held Friday, September 6th, met on that day and organized. The following were present: Ministers—John Pearson, W. H. Bailey, A. D. Maddox, George S. Easton, W. H. Wehrley, and J. B. Young; laymen—James N. Gamble, George B. Johnson, C. L. Greeno, P. N. Sigler, J. W. Story, and Horatio S. Bradley. The following officers were chosen: Chairman, James N. Gamble; Secretary, Jesse Bowman Young; Treasurer, George B. Johnson. The task of apportioning the amount to be raised for the Annual Conference Collection next year in each district was assigned to the ministerial and lay representatives on the committee from each district and the Presiding Elder of that district. The Committee on Public Worship is requested to assign an evening for an anniversary of this interest at the next Conference. The officers of the Committee were constituted the Executive Committee. Provision was made for the preparation of leaflet literature bearing on the needs of our Conference Claimants. Other matters were left to be considered at a meeting to be called in October by the officers of that Committee."

Third Ballot.—On motion the third ballot for the remaining delegates was ordered and taken, and the tellers retired.

Collection.—On motion of A. B. Leonard, a collection was taken for the janitor of the church, which amounted to \$22.14.

Transfer.—Frank G. Mitchell, on behalf of the Committee on Conference Relations, moved that the Conference request the transfer of William C. Lewis, a probationer from the Genesee Conference, and the motion prevailed; whereupon the Bishop announced the transfer of William C. Lewis, a probationer from the Genesee Conference, to the Cincinnati Conference, continuing him in the Studies of the First Year.

Conference Stewards.—The preliminary report of the Conference Stewards was read by George S. Easton.

Change of Relation.—Upon motion of S. O. Royal, the relation of J. P. Gilliland was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuate, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards for an allowance.

The Secretary announced the result of the third ballot. No one having received a majority of all votes cast, a fourth ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

Treasurer's Report.—C. W. Horn, Conference Treasurer, made his report.

Upon motion of George S. Easton, the fractional amount remaining in the Treasurer's hands was ordered to be given to the Board of Stewards.

Question Twenty-sixth—"*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*"—was called, and the Treasurer reported \$60,421.

Question Five was called—"*Who have been Continued on Trial?*"

(d) "In Studies of Fourth Year."—C. Harold Clerke passed an examination of character and reported his collections, and was Continued on Trial in Studies of Fourth Year.

(a) "In Studies of First Year."—The character of George A. Pettingell passed, but not having been before the Examiners, was Continued on Trial in Studies of the First Year.

Question Seven—"*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*"—was called. Alfred Taylor, having been admitted yesterday, was passed to the Studies of the Third Year.

Question Five.—"*Who have been Continued on Trial?*" William C. Lewis was reported by his Examiners and continued in Studies of the Second Year.

Question Eleven.—"*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*"

(a) As Local Preachers, none.

(b) Under Missionary Rule, none.

Oxford College.—An invitation was received to visit Oxford College, and J. B. Young moved that we accept the invitation severally as far as we may be able, and the motion prevailed.

Fourth Ballot.—The tellers returned and the result of the fourth ballot was announced,—D. Lee Aultman having been elected as the fourth delegate by a vote of 92 out of a possible 159. Others received votes as follows: H. C. Weakley, 72; J. A. Story, 69; V. F. Brown, 32; G. P. Benton, 18; G. W. Dubois, 10; H. D. Ketcham and D. W. Clark, each 7. Scattering, 11.

A fifth ballot was ordered and taken, and the tellers retired.

Question Thirty.—“*Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?*” John E. Beery, on behalf of the Church in Greenfield, O., extended an invitation to the Conference to hold its next annual session in that city, which was accepted by a unanimous rising vote.

The tellers returned and announced the result of the fifth ballot. No election having taken place, the sixth ballot was ordered and taken, and the tellers retired.

Lakeside.—Frank G. Mitchell read the report of the Special Committee on Lakeside and it was adopted, and the nominations for Trustees concurred in. (See Report.)

Missions.—A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, addressed the Conference.

Sixth Ballot.—The tellers returned and reported the result of the sixth ballot as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 159. Necessary to a choice, 80. John A. Story having received 98 was declared elected as the fifth delegate.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Conference proceeded to take a ballot for three reserve delegates.

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motion of H. C. Weakley, a Committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Henderson on this matter, and report to the Conference at this session. The Committee, as nominated by the Presiding Elders, was as follows: J. A. Story, O. M. Sellers, E. P. Edmonds, George S. Easton, and Edmund Burdsal.

W. E. Grose was excused from further sessions of the Conference.

Reserve Delegates.—The tellers returned and announced the result of the ballot for General Conference Reserve Delegates as follows: whole number of votes cast, 151; necessary to a choice, 76; of which H. C. Weakley received 93; V. F. Brown, 89; and Guy Potter Benton, 76; and they were declared elected the reserve delegates. Others received votes as follows: G. W. Dubois, 49; H. D. Ketcham, 28; C. E. Schenk, 19; Herbert Welch, 18; F. G. Mitchell, 15; John Pearson and W. A. Robinson, each 12. Scattering, 45.

Upon motion, the session adjourned with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY

MONDAY, *September 9th, 1907.*

At 8.30 this morning Conference reassembled, Dr. Henderson conducting the devotional exercises.

Bishop Walden, by request of the Presiding Bishop, occupied the chair.

The Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

A. B. Leonard spoke words of commendation respecting Dr. Henderson's new Book, "*Autumn Leaves*."

J. A. Story presented the following regarding the Ohio Evangelistic Campaign, and it was adopted.

WHEREAS, The Rev. Theodore S. Henderson, the General Field Superintendent of the General Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism has presented to the Cincinnati Conference a plan for a co-operative evangelistic campaign within the bounds of the Conference, to occupy, in preparation and prosecution, the major part of the Conference year 1908-1909; and,

WHEREAS, The laymen of the Cincinnati Conference, assembled in the Lay Electoral Conference, have endorsed this proposition; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference pledges its sympathy and support to the movement, providing the plans can be successfully matured; and be it further

Resolved, That a Cincinnati Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, consisting of the Presiding Elders, two ministers and two laymen from each District, be appointed to co-operate with the General Conference Commission on Aggressive Evangelism in the framing of a policy and the development of plans for such an evangelistic movement, the report of such policy and plans to be submitted for final adoption to the Conference at its annual session of 1908.

The Twenty-third Question was resumed, and the names of J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, S. Weeks, J. H. Davis, C. J. Wells, C. H. Kalbfus, J. McKendree Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsey, J. S. Ruggles, C. L. Travis, C. T. Crum were called, and they were continued in the same relation. R. E. Smith was made Effective at the request of his Elder.

Upon motion, J. E. H. Sentman was granted a Superannuate Relation, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards. The Conference Stewards were excused for a brief session.

A communication from the New Hampshire Conference, respecting the supervision and visitation of the Bishops to the Annual Conferences, requesting the concurrence of the Cincinnati Conference in the same, was read, and, upon motion of J. B. Young, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Home For the Aged.—H. C. Weakley read the report of the Methodist Home for the Aged. (See report.)

Conference Trustees.—The report of the Board of Conference Trustees was presented by Frank G. Mitchell. It was received and approved.

Education.—The Committee on Education presented its report through its Secretary, G. P. Austin. The item referring to Hillsboro College was read and adopted. That part pertaining to Ohio Wesleyan University was read and adopted. The nominations of visitors to the various educational institutions were confirmed as recommended. Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, addressed the Conference respecting the work of that institution, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

Standing Committees.—H. G. Curless, from the Committee on Nominating Standing Committees, presented the list of nominations for 1908, and the report was placed on file.

Officers of Church Boards.—Frank G. Mitchell presented the nominations for officers of the various Church boards and societies, and they were confirmed.

Publishing Interests.—The report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented by C. P. Pumphrey, and, after amendment, was adopted.

Bishop Spellmeyer resumed the chair. Bishop Walden spoke words of appreciation of the Conference attitude toward himself.

Correspondence.—Upon motion of H. C. Weakley, a Committee was appointed to correspond with every member of the Conference who has been detained by sickness or by circumstances over which he had no control. The Committee consisted of Bishop Walden, George H. Dart, H. C. Weakley, and John Pearson.

Upon motion of H. W. Bailey, it was ordered that when we adjourn, it be to meet at one-thirty this afternoon.

J. B. Young read the report of the Committee on Reforms, which, upon motion, was referred back to the Committee.

Time was extended.

E. T. Well's relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuate at his own request.

Question Twenty-four—“*Who are Triers of Appeals?*” The Bishop's nominations were taken up. Those confirmed were George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, G. P. Austin, E. P. Edmonds, C. W. Horn.

Other Cabinet Nominations were confirmed.

Upon motion, the relations of George H. Dart, S. A. Keen, E. S. Gaddis, and Wilbur G. Warner were changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

The following in Effective Relation were changed to Supernumerary: George Cable, L. M. Davis, F. M. Dowlin.

C. J. Moore, Wm. H. Cundy, Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, and W. F. Clark were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The characters of the following were passed, being in detached service; D. J. Starr, W. A. Robinson, E. J. Moore, J. L. Glassock, W. K. Brown, H. C. Weakley, J. E. Gilbert, Guy P. Benton, W. P. Thirkfield, J. G. Vaughan. U. G. Humphrey's appointment as State Superintendent of the Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League was requested.

Certificate of Ordination.



This Certifies That on September 8, 1907, in Oxford, Ohio, I ordained James M. Bennett, DEACON;

And on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Norman O. Sweat, William F. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred. J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley, and Walter C. Nash, ELDERS, according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Henry Spellmeyer.

Bishop.

Oxford, Ohio, September 9, 1907.

Adjournment and benediction followed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE was called to order at 1:30, with A. B. Leonard in the chair, by the appointment of Bishop Spellmeyer.

The devotional exercises were conducted by E. Burdsal.

The final report of the Conference Stewards was presented and adopted, with all recommendations.

Reforms.—J. B. Young resubmitted the report of the Committee on Reforms. H. D. Ketcham and C. L. Conger were nominated as delegates to the National Anti-Saloon Convention,

and given permission to appoint their own substitutes, in case they could not attend themselves. Provision was made for the payment of the expenses of one delegate, and in case both go, half of the expenses of each. After further amendment the report was adopted as a whole.

The Statistical Secretary read his report by totals only, and it was ordered printed.

Auditing.—T. D. Moore read the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read by John L. Duckwall, and it was adopted.

Question Twenty-seven was called, "*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*" and answered, \$13,425.

Question Twenty-eight was called, "*What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*" and answered, \$10,353.

On motion of W. A. Robinson a collection was ordered for the purchase of a sewing machine for the Cincinnati Training School for Deaconesses, amounting to \$14.77.

The Committee on General Conference Benevolences reported through its Secretary, W. A. Deaton, and after amendment was adopted.

J. B. Young read the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, which was amended and adopted.

General Conference Memorial.—The following paper was presented by Herbert Welch, concerning the appointment by General Conference of a "Commission on a Statement of Methodist Faith:"

WHEREAS, In May, 1906, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, appointed a Commission to seek the appointment of similar Commissions by other Methodist bodies in the United States and elsewhere, and to act with such other Commissions, if appointed, in the preparation of a joint statement of a Methodist belief; and,

WHEREAS, The Twenty-five Articles of Religion, the Apostles' Creed, and the Catechism fail to give a clear and concise statement of the cardinal points of Christian doctrine, experience, and practice in the proportion and with the distinctive emphasis given in Methodist teaching and preaching; and,

WHEREAS, Such statement, if jointly prepared, is not proposed as a test of membership for either the members or the ministers of the Church, but simply as declaratory, for the information of the world and the instruction of members; therefore,

Resolved, That without proposing to revoke or alter our existing standards of doctrine, or to establish any new standards, we respectfully petition the General Conference of 1908, as a mark of fraternal courtesy to the Southern Church, and as a contribution to Methodist and Christian unity, and to clearness of thought and fervor of life, to authorize the appointment of such a Commission, with instructions to report back to the General Conference of 1912 for its action any statement formulated by the Joint Commission.

A. B. LEONARD,	H. C. JAMESON,	H. C. WEAKLEY,
W. P. THIRKIELD,	GUY POTTER BENTON,	JOHN A. STORY,
JESSE BOWMAN YOUNG,	C. E. SCHENK,	R. H. RUST,
JOHN PEARSON,	HEBER D. KETCHAM,	HERBERT WELCH.

Question Four—“*Who have been Received on Trial?*”—was called. T. J. Lewis, recommended by the Amelia Quarterly Conference on the Milford District, and Roy B. Coleman, recommended by the Bowersville Quarterly Conference, Hillsboro District, were introduced to the Conference, represented by the Board of Examiners and the Presiding Elders, and admitted to the Conference on Trial.

Upon motion, E. S. Jackson and William L. Boicourt were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

H. G. Scudday and M. M. Kugler were granted a Supernumerary Relation.

Watson Tranter, formerly a member of the Rock River Conference, and located at his own request, was readmitted upon his certificate of location.

Question Twenty-two — “*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was called, and the following brethren continued in the same relation: I. R. Marshall, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, J. S. Young, and C. W. Elliott.

Withdrawal.—At his own request, J. A. Winkler was granted the privilege of withdrawing from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The following resolution was offered by George H. Dart, and adopted:

As Rev. John A. Winkler has asked to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the purpose of

uniting with another Evangelical branch, and said request has this day been granted, we therefore commend him to its fellowship and ministry, and direct that the Secretary of this Conference furnish to Brother Winkler a statement, assuring him of our confidence and esteem.

D. Lee Aultman, Secretary of the Cabinet, presented the following nominations for the Commission on Evangelism, and they were confirmed: Cincinnati District—H. C. Jameson, W. D. Cole, W. L. Y. Davis, James N. Gamble, C. A. Ault. Dayton District—S. O. Royal, D. G. Latshaw, A. B. Austin, E. C. Harley, H. C. Minnich. Hillsboro District—D. Lee Aultman, W. A. Deaton, J. R. Colley, Foss Zartman, Joseph W. Story. Milford District—A. N. Spahr, H. W. Bailey, M. LeSourd, C. L. Greeno, Frank M. Smith. Springfield District—George W. Dubois, Herbert Welch, S. W. Bell, D. Q. Fox, E. E. Cheney.

At his own request, the relation of Jonathan Verity was changed from Effective to Superannuate.

A supplemental collection amounting to \$38 was taken for the Commission on Evangelism.

Conference Cane.—S. O. Royal, on behalf of the Conference, presented to W. H. Sutherland, the oldest member of our Conference, the Conference cane.

The following paper was presented by Davis W. Clark, but upon motion was not adopted:

The Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church petitions the General Conference at its session in May, 1908, to so amend the Constitution of the Church as to make all General Conference officers, including members of the Local Book Committees in New York and Cincinnati, and members of the University Senate, Members of the General Conference, *Ex Officio*, without vote, but with privilege of the floor, including initiative.

The Conference is moved to make this petition by the following considerations:

First: By this expedient the Church will never be deprived, in its legislative body, of the presence and voice of those who by official position may be supposed to be most conversant with our denominational interests—Benevolent, Publishing, and Educational. While it does not inhibit the elections of General Conference officers as delegates by their several Annual Conferences, it does not leave our connectional interests as represented in them subject to the uncertainty of a ballot.

Second: Should the proposed increase in the ratio of representation

maintain, it is evident that the danger of the exclusion of General Conference officers will be increased thereby, to the disadvantage of the Church in general and of the Conference in particular. The amendment herein petitioned would eliminate such danger.

Third: In instances when several General Conference officers or representatives of educational institutions and philanthropic works happen to be members of the same annual Conference (instances of which can be cited), it is evident that serious embarrassment in candidacy would by this means be avoided.

Fourth: This petition is in harmony with an action of the Lay Electoral Conference of Cincinnati Annual Conference, which action will be duly presented to your body.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of John Loyd to the Wisconsin Conference, and the transfer of Sherman P. Young from the Wisconsin to the Cincinnati Conference.

Resolutions.—The Committee on Resolutions presented their report through A. D. Maddox, which was adopted by unanimous rising vote. (See Resolutions.)

Guy Potter Benton spoke appreciatively of the visit of the Conference, and of its influence upon the Church and community.

The following paper was offered by W. A. Robinson:

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother, Jonathan Verity, has announced his desire to be granted a Superannuate Relation;

Resolved, That in granting his request we do so with the most hearty appreciation of his efficient, beautiful, consecrated life among us. His uniform courtesy and brotherly kindness have greatly endeared him to us, and we shall follow him with our hearty good wishes and prayers.

W. A. ROBINSON,	A. N. SPAHR,	D. LEE AULTMAN,
JOHN PEARSON.	A. B. LEONARD,	GEORGE W. DUBOIS,
H. C. JAMESON,	S. O. ROYAL,	V. F. BROWN,
J. T. BAIL,	WILBUR L. Y. DAVIS.	

Closing.—The motion prevailed, that after the reading of the Journal and devotional exercises, and the announcement of the Appointments by the Bishop, the Conference should stand adjourned *sine die*.

One stanza of the hymn, beginning, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," was sung; the Bishop led in a brief prayer, the appointments were announced, and the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Spellmeyer.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Oxford, Ohio, September 9, 1907.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 4 to September 9, 1907, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

Henry Spellmeyer.

Presiding Bishop.

V. F. Brown.

Secretary.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Charles L. Bovard, from the Montana Conference; H. Compton, from the Andes Conference; Walter C. Nash, from the Austin Conference; F. M. Dowlin, from the St. John's River Conference; W. E. Grose, from the North Indiana Conference; Charles F. Gowdy, from the Central Ohio Conference; William C. Lewis, a Probationer, from the Genesee Conference; Sherman P. Young, from the Wisconsin Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

Watson W. Tranter. [Located, Rock River Conference 1898.]

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Thomas J. Lewis, Roy B. Coleman.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—William F. Clark, George H. Pettingell, Robert O. Matthews, William H. Cundy.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Clarence S. Grauser, Anthony E. Huntington, Edgar S. Jackson, William C. Lewis.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—Herbert R. Whiting, C. Harold Clerke.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—James M. Bennett.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—Alfred Taylor.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—Alfred Taylor, James M. Bennett.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—Charles J. Moore.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Bert E. Smith, Clarke L. Gowdy, Purdy L. Van Wicklen, Benjamin H. Lewis.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—William T. Gilliland, Jacob J. Hawk, Fred J. Reinbarth, Jesse L. Corley, Norman O. Sweat, Walter C. Nash.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(c) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(c) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—Norman O. Sweat.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was strictly done in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

John Loyd, to the Wisconsin Conference; R. J. Wyckoff, to the Rock River Conference; T. P. Walter, to the North Indiana Conference; Dudley Mathews, to the Troy Conference; J. J. Giblin, to the ——— Conference; J. L. Shively, to the Central Illinois Conference; A. K. Stabler, to the Southern California Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

R. S. Rust, C. Wones, J. E. Abrams, J. R. Hill.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

J. A. Winkler.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

I. R. Marshall, John Wilson, F. M. Clemans, J. S. Young, C. W. Elliott, H. G. Scuddy, Geo. Gable, L. M. Davis, F. M. Dowlin, M. M. Kugler.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

S. N. Marsh, J. F. Hull, T. E. Fidler, J. G. Black, H. M. Keck, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, W. H. Sutherland, J. W. Hickman, L. F. Young, J. T. Bail, W. P. Jackson, W. M. West, J. R. Hunter, L. O. Deputy, Sylvester Weeks, J. McK. Shultz, C. D. Munsey, H. A. M. Henderson, W. W. Ramsay, C. H. Kalbfus, J. S. Ruggles, G. L. Travis, C. T. Crum, J. E. H. Sentman, Jonathan Verity, J. P. Gilliland, E. T. Wells.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

George S. Easton, H. W. Bailey, G. P. Austin, E. P. Edmunds, C. W. Horn.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 53,123, Probationers, 2,013. (See Tables of Statistics.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$70,421. (See Treasurer's Report, page 510.)

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$13,425.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$10,353.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See List of Appointments. (page 477-480.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Greenfield, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

H. C. JAMESON, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O. 2525 Gilbert Ave., Walnut Hills,
Cincinnati, O.

Addyston, To be Supplied.

Avondale, C. E. Schenk, 3.

Assistant, R. H. Rust, 1.

Bond Hill, H. R. Whiting, 2.

Camp Washington, . J. D. Darling, 4.

Carthage, J. J. Hawk, 1.

CENTRAL CITY CHARGE:

Christie, L. O. Hartman, 3.

Asbury, E. S. Gaddis, 1.

York Street, . . . C. L. Myers, 1.

Finley, J. L. Duckwall, 3.

East Pearl Street, . S. G. Pollard, 4.

Cleves and Harrison, S. A. Stephau, 1.

Clifton, J. W. Peters, 3.

Columbia, C. W. Horn, 1.

Delhi, W. A. Wiant, 2.

Delta Avenue, . . . J. P. Ninde, 6.

Elmwood Place and Reading,

T. D. Moore, 4.

Fairmount, J. R. Troxell, 1.

Hartwell, G. F. Barber, 1.

Linwood, W. C. Mitchell, 1.

McKendree, J. A. White, 4.

Madison Avenue, To be Supplied.

Madisonville, . . . John Pearson, 2.

Mt. Auburn, H. O. Enwall, 3.

Mt. Lookout, . . . O. P. Hoffman, 3.

Northside, First Church,

O. L. Seward, 2.

NORWOOD:

First Church, . . . J. L. Corley, 2.

Grace, C. C. Peale, 3.

Pleasant Ridge, . . . J. E. McGee, 3.

Price Hill, C. W. Sullivan, 2.

Riverside, W. C. Lewis, 1.

State Avenue, . . . C. H. Clerke, 1.

St. Paul, W. D. Cole, 3.

Trinity, H. D. Ketcham, 2.

Assistant, D. W. Clark, 2.

Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 8.

Wayne Avenue, . . W. L. Y. Davis, 8.

Wesley, G. Roughton, 11.

WESTWOOD CHARGE:

Westwood, J. A. Story, 3.

Groesbeck, Asbury, and

Ebenezer, . . . W. F. Martin, 1.

Miami, Mt. Hope, and

Dent, W. C. Nash, 1.

Winton Place, . . . J. E. Thomas, 3.

H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, member of Avondale, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, Secretary of American Society of Religious Education, member of Asbury, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary, member Trinity, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

Wm. A. Robinson, Financial Secretary of Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital Association, member Trinity, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

E. J. Moore, Assistant Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, member Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

W. K. Brown, Dean of Twin Valley College, member St. Paul, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

F. C. English, President Moores Hills College, member Columbia, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangelist, member Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.

S. A. Keen, Director of Religious Work Y. M. C. A., Columbus, O., member Westwood Quarterly Conference.

Wm. E. Grose, Field Agent Western Methodist Book Concern, member Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

S. O. ROYAL, . . . Presiding Elder, 2.

P. O., 145 Oxford Ave., Dayton, O.

Bellbrook and Donnelsville,

(Xenia) C. F. Gowdy, 1.

Bethany, G. M. Fulton, 1.

Camden, C. L. Gowdy, 1.

Centerville and Lytle,

A. D. Maddox, 4.

DAYTON:

Broadway, S. P. Young, 1.

Grace, M. B. Fuller, 2.

Homestead Avenue,

[J. F. Probst]

Raper, V. F. Brown, 4.

Riverdale, E. W. Serl, 4.

St. Paul, D. G. Latshaw, 3.

Trinity, C. P. Pumphrey, 1.

Woodward Avenue and

Ebenezer, . . . Jas. M. Bennett, 1.

Eaton and West Alexandria,

E. M. Ellsworth, 2.

Fairfield, [Louis Radly]

Fairhaven and Sugar Valley,

T. G. Williams, 2.

Fort Jefferson, . . . [G. W. Berry]

Franklin, A. J. Kestle, 1.

Germantown, To be Supplied.

Gordon, T. Cundy, 2.

HAMILTON:

First Church, . . . A. B. Austin, 3.

Lindenwald, . . . N. O. Sweat, 1.

Lewisburg and Brookville,

Geo. W. Keen, 3.

Miamisburg, . . . F. G. Mitchell, 1.

Middletown, . . . W. E. Hammaker, 4.

Monroe, J. A. Jenkinson, 5.

New Paris, C. S. Grauser, 2.

Osborn, A. Hamilton, 2.

Oxford, C. L. Bovard, 2.

Port Union and Glendale,

(R. R. No. 8, Hamilton, O.)

G. P. Austin, 3.

Seven Mile, O. D. Becker, 1.

Springboro and Red Lion,

J. L. Dalby, 1.

Venice [Ross], H. Hershey, 2.

Walker and Union,

(Oxford R.F.D.) [A. A. McGinnis,]

West Carrollton, . . . W. T. Gilliland, 2.

West Chester, . . . F. J. Reinbarth, 1.

West Elkton, A. G. Newton, 1.

West Milton, . . . R. O. Matthews, 1.

W. P. Thirkield, President Howard University, member Franklin Quarterly Conference.

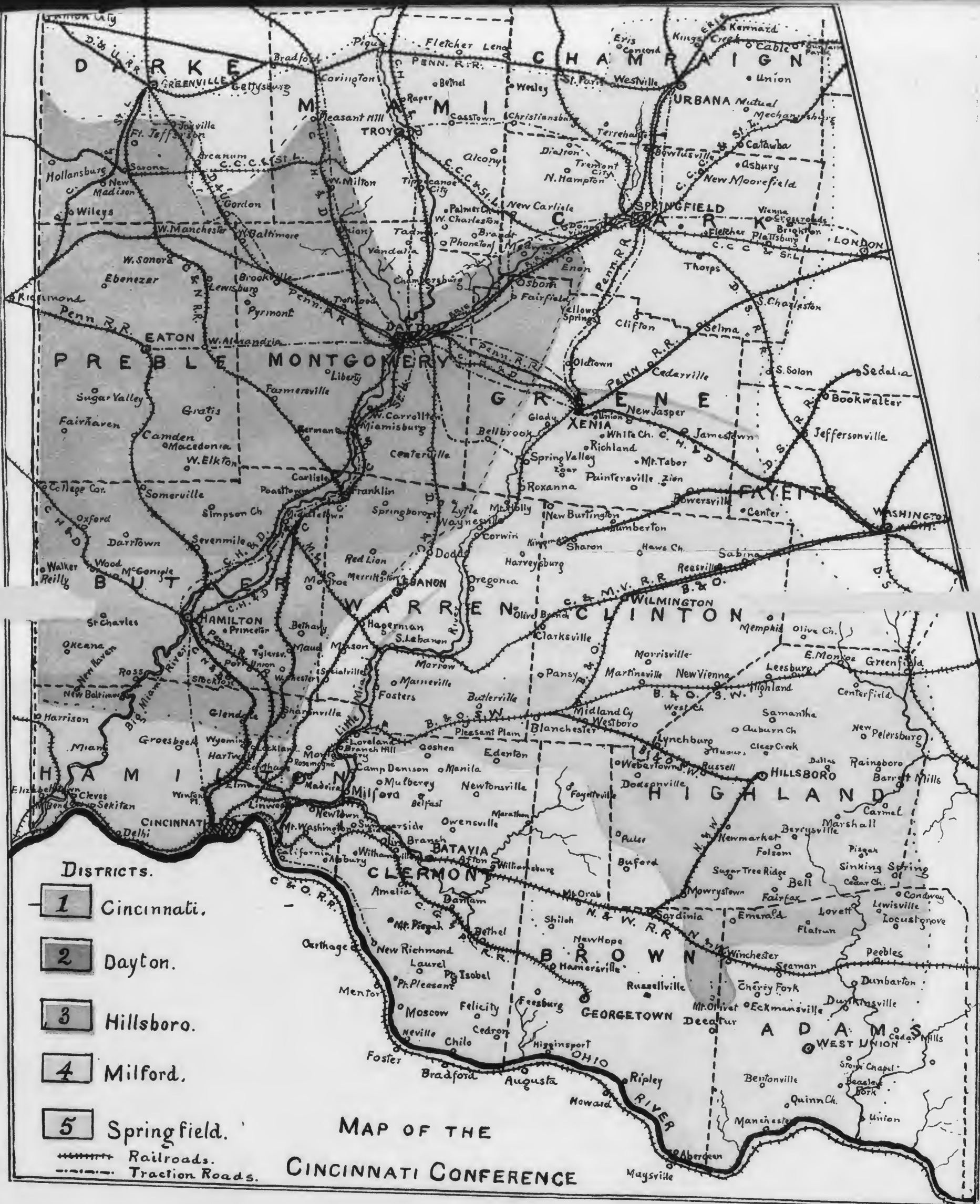
Guy P. Benton, President Miami University, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent Anti-Saloon League for Wisconsin, member Middletown Quarterly Conference.

J. G. Vaughan, Field Secretary China Centennial Commission, member St. Paul, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.

E. E. Powell, Professor in Miami University, member Oxford Quarterly Conference.

Geo. H. Dart, Business Agent Preachers' Relief Society, member Hamilton Quarterly Conference.





W. G. Warner, Financial Secretary
St Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, O.,
member Raper, Dayton, Quarterly
Conference.

William H. Cundy, Bert E. Smith,
Perdy L. VanWicklen, William F.
Clark, Charles J. Moore, William L.
Boicourt, and Edgar S. Jackson, left
without appointment to attend one
of our schools.

J. A. Geissinger, pastor First
Church, El Paso, Texas, member Ox-
ford Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

D. LEE AULTMAN, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O. Station I, Cincinnati, O.

Belfast, (Bell—P. O.),

To be Supplied.

Blanchester, A. T. Cowgill, 2.
Bowersville, . . Roy B. Coleman, 1.
Clarksville, . . . R. S. McCollm, 1.
Greenfield, J. E. Beery, 2.
Highland, . . . L. A. Washburn, 1.
Hillsboro, W. A. Deaton, 5.
Jamestown, . . . W. M. Coffman, 1.
Leesburg, E. T. Lane, 2.
Loveland, J. A. Easton, 1.
Lynchburg, . . . G. R. Frenger, 1.
Maineville, . . . W. B. Brown, 1.
Martinsville, . . . W. S. Gray, 2.
Morrow, Geo. S. Easton, 2.
New Burlington, . H. H. Compton, 1.
New Jasper, . . . F. Leever, 2.
New Vienna, . . . J. H. Lease, 3.
Pleasant Plain, . [Joseph Shepard]
Rainsboro J. F. McCollm, 2.
Sabina, J. S. Pumphrey, 1.
Sinking Spring, . To be Supplied.
South Lebanon, . . [T. S. King]
Sugar Tree Ridge, To be Supplied.
Union (P. O. Spring Valley),

W. M. Patton, 5.

Waynesville, . . . Philip Trout, 4.
Wilmington, . . . C. L. Conger, 1.

XENIA:

First Church, E. H. Cherington, 4.
Trinity, J. R. Colley, 2.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, . . Presiding Elder, 6.
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, To be Supplied.
Amelia, W. J. Baker, 2.
Batavia, E. Burdsall, 3.
Bethel, D. S. Ewry, 3.
Branch Hill, . . . To be Supplied.
Chilo, [W. S. Belfry]
Decatur, Benj. H. Lewis, 2.
Dunkinsville, . . To be Supplied.
Feesburg, . . . A. E. Huntington, 1.
Felicity, W. E. Spurrier, 2.
Georgetown, . . . T. W. Salt, 3.
Goshen, S. B. Timmons, 1.
Laurel, Alfred Taylor, 2.
Lebanon, W. A. Cooper, 4.
Manchester, . . . To be Supplied.
Marathon, W. W. Tranter, 1.
Mason, W. E. Putt, 5.
Milford, M. LeSourd, 8.
Moscow, J. Phillips, 3.
Mount Orab, . . . [H. O. Collins]
Mt. Washington, . F. M. Kirgan, 1.
Mulberry, T. J. Lewis, 1.
New Richmond, . C. L. Chapman, 2.
Newtown, W. E. Verity, 2.
Owensville, . . . [W. E. Shriver]
Peebles, To be Supplied.
Ripley, H. W. Bailey, 5.
Summerside, D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
West Union, . . . R. E. Smith, 1.
Williamsburg, . . W. J. Dunham, 2.
Williamsburg Circuit,
To be Supplied.

Winchester and Seamans,

J. M. Bailey, 4.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, S. W. Campbell, 5.
Brandt, [W. E. Ward]
Catawba, J. F. Laird, 1.
Cedarville, . . . H. C. Middleton, 6.
Christiansburg, . . [Frank Neer]
Concord and Westville,
C. W. Briggs, 1.

Covington, W. H. Spybey, 1.
 Dialton, [S. M. Griffith]
 Greenville, A. L. Brokaw, 2.
 King's Creek, . . [A. G. Shatzman]
 Mechanicsburg, . . J. W. Gaddis, 2.
 Mutual, W. D. English, 2.
 New Carlisle, . . . J. W. Patton, 1.
 New Moorefield, . . J. C. Eckles, 3.

PIQUA:

Grace Church, . H. E. Armacost, 3.
 Greene St., S. W. Bell, 2.
 South Charleston, . G. W. Vorhis, 2.

SPRINGFIELD:

Central, A. W. Leonard, 3.
 Clifton Ave., . . H. G. Curless, 5.
 Grace, [A. F. White]
 High Street, . . E. P. Edmonds, 3.
 St. Paul, O. L. Utter, 1.
 Tippecanoe City, . . O. M. Sellers, 1.
 Tremont City, . . To be Supplied.
 Troy, W. H. Wehrly, 4.
 Troy Circuit, . . [D. S. Ferguson]

URBANA:

First Church, . Geo. H. Smith, 1.
 Grace, C. M. Van Pelt, 2.
 Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 6.

A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, member Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.

C. W. Rishell, Professor Boston School of Theology, member Central Church, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

Herbert Welch, President Ohio Wesleyan University, member High Street, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

J. F. Chenoweth, Chaplain U. S. Army, member St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.

C. H. Haines, Professor in Gammon School of Theology, member Mechanicsburg Quarterly Conference.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service; those before, the number of years in present relation.

5. I. R. Marshall, 10, . . . Dayton, O.
4. John Wilson, 34, . . . New Vienna, O.
4. F. M. Clemans, 38, . . . Dayton, O.
2. Jas. S. Young, 17, . . . Richmond, Va.
2. C. W. Elliott, 18, . . . Cleveland, O.
1. H. G. Scuddy, 18, . . . Tyler, Texas.
1. Geo. Gable, 8, . . . Lanark, Ills.
1. L. M. Davis, 36, . . . Loveland, O.
1. F. M. Dowlin
1. M. M. Kugler, 32, . . . Westwood, O.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

- S. N. Marsh, 13, . . . San Diego, Cal.
- J. F. Hull, 17, . . . Rowland, Ala.
- T. E. Fidler, 30, . . . Zanesville Quarterly Conference.
- J. G. Black, 37, . . . New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
- H. M. Keck, 32, . . . St. Paul's (Toledo) Quarterly Conference.
- M. P. Zink, 40, . . . Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
- G. M. Edgar, 34, . . . Troy Quarterly Conference.
- John Vance, 36, . . . First Church (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.
- S. W. Carey, 19, . . . Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
- T. J. Harris, 29, . . . Norwood Quarterly Conference.
- S. W. Edmiston, 33, . . . Sugar Tree Ridge Quarterly Conference.
- E. P. James, 38, . . . Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference.
- W. H. Sutherland, 55, . . . Wyoming, O.
- J. W. Hickman, 14, . . . Delaware, O.
- L. F. Young, 23, . . . Grace (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
- J. T. Bail, 49, . . . Norwood Quarterly Conference.
- W. P. Jackson, 33, . . . Blanchester Quarterly Conference.
- W. M. West, 27, . . . Newtown Quarterly Conference.
- J. R. Hunter, 29, . . . Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
- L. O. Deputy, 18, . . . Madisonville, Cincinnati.
- Sylvester Weeks, 37, . . . Pensacola, Fla.
- J. H. Davis, 26, . . . Rainsboro, O.
- C. J. Wells, 25, . . . Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
- C. H. Kalbfus, 30, . . . Yellow Springs.
- J. McK. Shultz, 41, . . . New Carlisle.
- C. D. Munsey, 24, . . . Cleveland, Tenn.
- Howard Henderson, 47, . . . Hartwell, O.
- W. W. Ramsay, 39, . . . First Church, Detroit, Mich.
- J. S. Ruggles, 28, . . . E. Pearl St. (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.
- G. L. Travis, 24, . . . Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.
- C. T. Crum, 39, . . . Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.
- E. T. Wells, 35, . . . Toledo, O.
- J. P. Gilliland, 22, . . . Pasadena, Cal.
- J. Verity, 45,
- J. E. H. Sentman, 40, . . .

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENTERED MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop...	RESIDENCE.
		CONFERENCE.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Edward Gayer Andrews.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Earl Cranston.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio.....	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell.....	June 1, 1842	Illinois.....	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeiral Isl.
*Frank W. Warne.....	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario.....	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore.....	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio.....	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W. Hamilton.....	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg.....	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry.....	May 1856	Detroit.....	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer.....	1847	Newark.....	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell.....	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio.....	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford.....	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n.....	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt.....	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East.....	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson.....	1856	Baltimore.....	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely.....	1841	Philadelphia.....	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott.....	1855	Tennessee.....	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham.....	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan.....	1883	1901	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson.....	1849	South India.....	1874	1904	Calcutta, India
*Merriman C. Harris.....	1846	Japan.....	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted. Probationers in italics.

Armacost, H. E., Piqua.	Bennett, J. M., Dayton.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.	Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Austin, A. B., Hamilton.	Black, J. G. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Austin, G. P., R. R. No. 8, Hamilton.	Boicourt, W. L., Cincinnati.
Bail, J. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.	Bovard, Chas. L., Oxford.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.	Briggs, C. W., Westville.
Bailey, J. M., Winchester.	Brokaw, A. L., Greenville.
Baker, W. J., Amelia.	Brown, V. F., Dayton.
Barber, G. F., Hartwell.	Brown, Wm. B., Maineville.
Becker, O. D., Seven Mile.	Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Beery, J. E., Greenfield.	Burdsall, E., Batavia.
Bell, S. W., Piqua.	Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.

- Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Dayton.
 Chapman, C. L., New Richmond.
 Chenoweth, John F., ———
 Cherington, E. H., Xenia.
 Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.
Clark, W. F.
Clerke, C. H., Cincinnati.
 Clemans, F. M., New Holland.
 Coffman, W. M., Jamestown.
 Cole, W. D., Cincinnati.
Coleman, Roy B., Bowersville.
 Colley, J. R., Xenia.
 Compton, H. H., New Burlington.
 Compton, H., Quito, Ecuador.
 Conger, C. L., Wilnington.
 Cooper, W. A., Lebanon.
 Corley, J. L., Sta. H., Cincinnati.
 Cowgill, A. T., Blanchester.
 Crum, C. T. (Sa.), Dayton.
 Cundy, T., Gordon.
Cundy, W. H., Boston, Mass.
 Curless, H. G., Springfield.
 Dalbey, J. L., Springboro.
 Darling, J. D., Riverside (Cin).
 Dart, G. H., Hamilton.
 Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.
 Davis, L. M. (Sa.), Loveland.
 Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.
 Deaton, W. A., Hillsboro.
 Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Madisonville.
 Dowlin, F. M. (Sn.)
 Dubois, G. W., Springfield.
 Duckwall, J. L., Cincinnati.
 Dunham, W. J., Williamsburg.
 Easton, G. S., Morrow.
 Easton, J. A., Loveland.
 Eckles, J. C., New Moorefield.
 Edgar, G. M. (Sa.), Troy.
 Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.
 Edmonds, E. P., Springfield.
 Elliott, C. W. (Sn.), Cleveland.
 Ellsworth, E. M., Eaton.
 English, F. C., Moores Hill, Ind.
 English, W. D., Mutual.
 Enwall, H. O., Cincinnati.
 Ewry, D. S., Bethel.
 Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Zanesville.
 Frenger, G. R., Lynchburg.
 Fuller, M. B., Dayton.
 Fulton, G. M., Bethany.
 Gable, George (Sn.), Lanark, Ill.
 Gaddis, J. W., Mechanicsburg.
 Gaddis, E. S., Sta. M, Cin'ti.
 Geissinger, J. A., El Paso, Texas.
 Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.
 Gilliland, Jas. P. (Sa.), Pasadena, Cal.
 Gilliland, W. T., West Carrollton.
 Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
 Gowdy, Chas. F., Xenia.
 Gowdy, C. L., Camden.
Grauser, C. S., New Paris.
 Gray, W. S., Martinsville.
 Grose, W. E., Madisonville.
 Haines, C. H., Atlanta, Ga.
 Hamilton, A., Osborn.
 Hammaker, W. E., Middletown.
 Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
 Hartman, L. O., Cincinnati.
 Hawk, J. J., Carthage.
 Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.
 Hershëy, Henry, Ross.
 Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.
 Hoffman, O. P., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.
 Horn, C. W., Cincinnati.
 Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.
 Humphrey, U. G., Milwaukee, Wis.
 34 Herold Building.
 Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.
Huntington, A. E., Freesburg.
 Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.
Jackson, E. S., Madison, N. J.
 Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.
 James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.
 Jameson, H. C., Cincinnati.
 Jenkinson, J. A., Monroe.
 Kalbfus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.
 Keck, H. M. (Sa.), Toledo.
 Keen, G. W., Lewisburg.
 Keen, S. A., Columbus.
 Kesile, Asa J., Franklin.
 Ketcham, H. D., Cincinnati.
 Kirgan, F. M., Mount Washington.
 Kugler, M. M. (Sn.), Westwood.
 Laird, J. F., Catawba.
 Lane, E. T., Leesburg.
 Latshaw, D. G., Dayton.
 Lease, J. H., New Vienna.
 Leever, Frank, New Jasper.
 Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
 Leonard, A. W., Springfield.
 LeSourd, Marion, Milford.
 Lewis, B. H., Decatur.
Lewis, Wm. C., Cincinnati.
Lewis, T. J., Mulberry.
 Maddox, A. D., Centerville.
 Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.
 Marshall, I. R., (Sn.), Port Union.
 Martin, W. F., Groesbeck.
Matthews, Robert O., West Milton.
 McColm, J. F., Rainsboro.
 McColm, R. S., Clarksville.
 McGee, Jas. E., Pleasant Ridge.
 Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.
 Mitchell, F. G., Miamisburg.
 Mitchell, W. C., Cincinnati, (Linwood)
 Moore, C. J.,
 Moore, E. J., Columbus.
 Moore, T. D., Elmwood.
 Munsey, C. D. (Sa.), Cleveland, Tenn.
 Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.
 Nash, W. C., Miami.
 Newton, A. G., West Elkton.

Ninde, J. P., Cincinnati.
 Patton, J. W., New Carlisle.
 Patton, W. M., Spring Valley.
 Peale, C. C., Sta. H., Cincinnati.
 Pearson, John, Sta. M., Cincinnati.
 Peters, J. W., Cincinnati.
Pettingell, G. H., Oxford.
 Phillips, John, Moscow.
 Pollard, S. G., Cincinnati.
 Powell, Elmer E., Oxford.
 Pumphrey, C. P., Dayton.
 Pumphrey, J. S., Sabina.
 Putt, W. E., Mason.
 Ramsay, W. W., (Sa.), Detroit, Mich.
 Reinbarth, F. J., West Chester.
 Risheli, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.
 Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.
 Royal, S. O., Dayton.
 Roughton, G., Cincinnati.
 Ruggles, J. S. (Sa.), Cincinnati.
 Rust, R. H., Cincinnati.
 Salt, T. W., Georgetown.
 Schenk, C. E., Cincinnati.
 Scudday, H. G. (Sn.), Tyler, Texas.
 Sellers, O. M., Tippecanoe City.
 Sentman, J. E. H. (Sa.), Germantown.
 Serl, E. W., Dayton.
 Seward, O. L., Cincinnati.
 Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
 Smith, B. E., Evanston, Ill.
 Smith, R. E., West Union.
 Smith, G. H., Urbana.
 Spahr, A. N., Milford.
 Spurrier, W. E., Felicity.
 Spybey, W. H., Covington, O.
 Starr, D. J., Columbus.
 Stephan, S. A., Cleves.
 Story, J. A., Westwood.
 Sullivan, C. W., Cincinnati.

Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.
 Sweat, N. O., Hamilton.
 Taylor, A., Laurel.
 Thirkield, W. P., Washington, D. C.
 Thomas, J. E., Winton Place.
 Timmons, S. B., Goshen.
 Trantor, W. W., Manchester.
 Travis, G. L., (Sa.), Lewisburg.
 Trout, Philip, Waynesville.
 Troxell, J. R., Cincinnati.
 Utter, O. L., Springfield.
 Vance, John (Sa.), Urbana.
 Van Pelt, C. M., Urbana.
 Van Wicklen, P. L.,
 Vaughan, J. G., Delaware, O.
 Verity, J. (Sa.), Peebles.
 Verity, W. E., West Elkton.
 Vorhis, G. W., South Charleston.
 Warner, W. G., Cleveland.
 Washburn, D. W. C., Summerside.
 Washburn, L. A., Highland.
 Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
 Weeks, S. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
 Wehrly, W. H., Troy.
 Welch, Herbert, Delaware.
 Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
 Wells, E. T. (Sa.), Toledo.
 West, W. M. (Sa.), Madisonville.
 White, J. A., Eastern Ave., (Cin.)
Whiting, H. H., Bond Hill.
 Wiant, W. A., Delhi.
 Williams, T. G., Fair Haven.
 Wilson, John, (Sn.), New Vienna.
 Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
 Young, L. F. (Sa.), Piqua.
 Young, J. S., Richmond, Va.
 Young, S. P., Dayton.
 Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

DEACONESSES.

Adron, Dora.
 Barnes, Idonia.
 Banting, Lucy.
 Bassett, Anna.
 Cameron, Mary V.
 Close, Cara.
 Darnell, Carrie,
 Day, Adda B.
 Deaver, Florence.
 Dwinnell, Anna.
 Enders, Emma.
 Eyre, Mary.
 Fuller, Blanche.
 Gloub, Marguerite.
 Haines, Dora.
 Hare, Anna.
 Hathorn, Nettie.
 Haynes, Mrs. K. Rawles.

House, Lucelia.
 Ireland, Sarah.
 Jacques, Vanluah.
 Kemper, Harriet L.
 Kittell, Eleanora.
 Loofbourrow, Evangeline.
 Lukemeir, Bertha.
 Lybarger, Lela.
 McEwan, Mary.
 Malott, Harriet.
 Manker, Lillian.
 Martin, S. M.
 Mayer, Bessie.
 Nevitt, Edythe L.
 Paff, Mrs. India.
 Pennell, Ida.
 Pickett, Mary.
 Pierce, Hannah M.

Post, Minnie.
 Potter, Clara V.
 Richardson, Cynthia.
 Saunders, Frances.
 Scott, Pluma.
 Sharpe, Eva Adelle
 Sinett, Lottie.
 Slear, Ella.
 Smith, Bessie.
 Solomon, Clara.
 Stewart, Mary.
 Thatcher, Alice.
 Thompson, Carrie.
 Trausler, Estelle.
 Wilson, Margaret.
 Young, Nellie.

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 Behymer, Jacob (McKendree), Cin'ti.
 Bower, L. F., (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.
 Cadwell, Burt L., (Hartwell), Cin'ti.
 Clark, D. Wilford, (Wesley), Cin'ti.
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 GILSON, W. H., (Price Hill), Cin'ti.
 Halley, R. H. (York St.), Cincinnati.
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 Kirkpatrick, E. Earl (Delhi), Cin'ti.
 Leaverton, Wm. L. (Northside), Cin'ti.
 LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.
 McGuffy, W. H. (St. Paul), Cin'ti.
 Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, St. Paul.
 Nightengale, Fred. (Christie), Cin'ti.
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 Sawtelle, Elmer (Delhi), Cincinnati.
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 Youngson, W. W. (Trinity), Cin'ti.

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 Brashears, Wallace M., Oxford.
 Campbell, W. A., Madison, N. J.
 Crouter, George, Heno.
 GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.
 Lamm, Chas., Hamilton.
 McGinnis, A. A., West Elkton.
 Pierce, W. W., Dayton.
 Radcliffe, James B., Sater.
 Radley, Louis P., Dayton.
 REEVES, W. W., Oxford.
 ROBERTS, J. M., Dayton.
 SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.
 Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.
 Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.
 Webber, Leroy, Heno.

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Burba, Sanford, Winchester.
 Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.
 Cole, W. H., Sabina.

Craig, S. L., New Burlington.
 Crisenbery, C. L., Sabina.
 HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
 Hill, J. H. P., Westboro.
 Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
 Jones, E. A. Pollard, Peebles.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.
 McIntyre, Altman, New Burlington.
 Moore, J. W., Midland.
 Murphy, Geo. W., Turkey.
 Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.
 Oldaker, I. W., Russell.
 Thompson, Milton, Hillsboro.
 Scarff, T. M., Spring Valley.
 Shade, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Shepard, Joseph, Pleasant Plain.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

Berry, George, Lebanon.
 Burdsall, J. W., Prall.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
 Hendrixon, E., Felicity.
 Hockett, Wm., Gosheon.
 Howell, F. S., Summerside.
 Nobis, L. B., Amelia.
 Penny, Alvin, Felicity.
 Roberts, W. E., Seaman. (R. F. D.)
 Sample, Robert, Cedar Mills.
 Titus, Murray, Batavia.
 Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

BENNETT, C. W., Piqua.
 Clutch, David, Alcony.
 CROW, THOMAS D., Urbana.
 Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.
 GUNN, J. W., 690 E. High St., Springfield.
 Hall, C. E., 197 W. High St., Springfield.
 Herr, David, 10 S. Limestone St., Springfield.
 Martz, G. H., Greenville.
 Mitchell, R. M., 1 W. McCreight Ave., Springfield.
 Penn, Wm. N., New Carlisle.
 Stevens, A. A., New Carlisle.
 Thatcher, Jon'n, Urbana, (R. F. D. 6).
 Trout, John (R. F. D.), Springfield.
 Trout, Jos. D., (R. F. D. 6), Springfield.
 Wells, Thos. B., Tippecanoe City.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

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| Baker, Mrs. M. G., Cleveland, O., 28. | McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cincinnati, 37. |
| Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31. | McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie, New York. |
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| Deem, Mrs. R. K., Mainville, O., 40. | Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn., 19. |
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| Loyd, Mrs. J. F., 1909 S. Meridian St., Anderson, Ind., 44. | Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8. |
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| Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51. | |
| McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 25. | |

IV.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

Section 1. W. A. ROBINSON.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern*; Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

Section 2. C. M. VAN PELT.—Short History of the English People, *Green*; Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson*; The Land of Israel, *Stewart*; Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*.

Section 3. A. B. AUSTIN.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row*; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

Section 4. J. A. STORY.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher*; Analogy of Religion, *Butler*.

Section 5. W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*; Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*; Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen*; Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

Section 6. D. G. LATSHAW.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth*; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*; Student's American History, *Montgomery*; Introduction to New Testament, *Dods*.

Section 7. W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*.

Section 8. J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*; One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler*.

Section 9. G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd*; Sermons and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

Section 10. S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman*; A Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks*; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens*.

Section 11. M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; Theological Compend, *Binney*; A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie*.

Section 12. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1904), *Merrill*; Sermons and Books to be read of Local Preachers.

c. EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for Admission on Trial will be examined at the seat of Conference the day before the session opens.

Local Preachers, who are Candidates for ordination, will be examined on Friday afternoon, during the Conference session.

Undergraduates are urged to leave as few examinations as possible for the end of the year. When preparation on any study is completed, the Chairman should be notified, and he will arrange for the time and place of examination.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared when needed by the Chairman, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

d. CLASSES.

NOTE:—Those printed in *Italics* are *Deacons*; in small caps, *ELDERS*; others are unordained.

STUDIES.	RECEIVED ON TRIAL. FIRST YEAR.	CONTINUED ON TRIAL.	MEMBERS.
FIRST YEAR.	Thomas J. Lewis. Roy B. Coleman.	William F. Clark. Robert O. Matthews. William H. Cundy.	
SECOND YEAR.		Clarence S. Grauser. A. E. Huntington. WILLIAM C. LEWIS. Edgar S. Jackson.	
THIRD YEAR.			<i>Alfred Taylor.</i> <i>James M. Bennett.</i>
FOURTH YEAR.		<i>Herbert R. Whiting.</i>	<i>Bert E. Smith</i> <i>Clarke L. Gowdy.</i> <i>P. L. Van Wicklen.</i> <i>Benjamin H. Lewis.</i>

V.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

HENRY C. JAMESON, Presiding Elder.

THE Cincinnati District presents an unusual field of labor from the fact that it is a center for Methodism. Here are located many of our connectional interests: The Western Methodist Book Concern; the Western Christian Advocate; the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday-schools; the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, Christ Hospital, the Missionary Training School; the Methodist Home for the Aged, and Glenn Industrial Home. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies also have offices here. With these various interests and organizations are connected many of the leading men and women of our denomination.

Cincinnati is also an Episcopal Residence, with Bishop Spellmeyer as the resident Bishop, and is further honored as the home of Bishop Walden.

In view of the fact that our Church is strongest in the Central West, we should see to it that Cincinnati continues a center for Methodism, and headquarters for the interests enumerated above.

There are thirty-eight charges in the district. Of this number, seven are half-stations, making in all forty-five Churches.

There have been several changes since last Conference. Rev. W. L. Boicourt was transferred to Miamisburg, thus leaving a vacancy at Asbury. Since then Dr. Davis W. Clark has supplied this Church. Later, Rev. A. L. Brokaw was sent to Greenville, and Rev. O. L. Seward came to take his place at Northside. At the last session of the Conference two of the charges on the Westwood Group were left to be supplied. Rev. Walter C. Nash was secured for Miami and Mount Hope, and Rev. F. M. Dowlin for Groesbeck and Asbury. Some months ago Brother Dowlin's health failed and he was obliged to resign the work. Since June, Rev. Ralph Jones, a student at Garrett Biblical Institute, has supplied the charge.

Substantial repairs and improvements have been made in many of the churches, notably at McKendree, Christie, Northside, Wesley, Fairmount, and Addyston.

Harrison has also raised most of the money necessary for a contemplated \$2,000 improvement.

Two new church enterprises are progressing satisfactorily. At Pleasant Ridge, one of the most beautiful and growing suburbs of Cincinnati,

a church that will cost, when completed, between \$25,000 and \$30,000, is in course of construction. Grace Church, Norwood, has authorized the sale of the old building, purchased a well-located and spacious lot, and adopted plans for a new church which is to cost about \$40,000. Price Hill has purchased a lot at a cost of \$2,500, and has on subscription \$5,000 toward a new parsonage.

Successful revival meetings were held during the year in many of the charges. A large number of conversions and additions to the Church are reported. The City Missionary Society, through the work of the Missions and Gospel Wagons, reports more than six hundred conversions.

In this connection, though not located in the Cincinnati District, it is not inappropriate to speak of the successful camp-meeting at Epworth Heights, under the leadership of Rev. O. L. Utter, superintendent. This famous and beautiful resort has at last, by the persistent and skillful effort of Rev. E. S. Gaddis, been delivered from debt, and we are hoping for larger results in the future.

The pastors have faithfully presented the benevolent interests and have sought to raise the full apportionments.

Owing to the fact that we were visited by two destructive floods during the winter, which caused great suffering and expense, the Churches situated along the river front may not bring up their full apportionments. But on the whole, I believe the reports will be quite satisfactory.

Death has visited but one home among the ministers of the district during the year. The venerable Dr. Rust passed to his reward at the advanced age of more than ninety years. He leaves a record of which his family and friends may justly be proud, and for which the Church has reason to be thankful. He was a truly remarkable man, and left a lasting impression on all with whom he came in contact.

The pastors of the district have been both faithful and efficient, and under the circumstances are entitled to the highest commendation.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

STANLEY O. ROYAL, Presiding Elder.

I BRING you a volume of notes which might well be entitled the "Book of the Chronicles of the Dayton District." It contains a continuous record of creditable achievements. How can I name them all? How can I omit one? Here are written some incidents of brilliant success: others of lines unbroken, yet unadvanced where the odds of the enemy are heavy; and here are recorded some failures more honorable than flashing victories, for to die at the bloody angle and turn the tide back upon the foe is grander than to live in slippered ease, or slippery compromise.

The following is a sample of the contents of this volume of notes, as found under the heading of "Church Improvements:" A new church dedicated at Fort Jefferson, cost \$6,000; the money all raised under the magic touch of President Benton's wand; the project will stand as a lasting monument to the persistence and sacrifices of D. S. Ferguson, one of our most effective supplies. Eaton Church, furnished with stained glass above and below. The West Alexandria Church remodeled, and soon to be reopened. The church at Darrrtown, demolished by a tornado this summer, will soon rise out of its rubbish, with new arrangements for the work and worship of a progressive congregation. Contract let for a new building at Okeana on the Venice Circuit. \$8,000 repairs to the First Church at Hamilton and the remodeling of the pipe organ. At Grace Church, Dayton, a repaired pipe organ; and at St. Paul's, Dayton, an

extensive addition costing \$21,000 for housing the expanding departments of that large Sunday-school and congregation. As for the Ladies' Aid Societies of the district, look around you and see what they have done in this Oxford church. Here is a sample of their industrious care for our houses of worship. The carpets, frescoed walls, pulpit and parsonage furniture neat, dainty and sweet are the proofs of their valued aid.

But I must not go on reading from this accumulation of notes. After twenty years of following the *mi-nuté* business of this Conference, I crave release in this report from writing details, that I may speak out of one year's observations and experience with some of the vital problems which now confront our Methodism. When I said *mi-nuté*, I did not say insignificant. In the kingdom of heaven the smallest seed is vital with immeasurable forces. As to the men of the district, they are like Cato the elder, who preferred that people should ask why *no* monument was erected



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to them, than that why one *was*. So instead of taking long time with a recital of our labors the past year, I will only say, as the author of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews ended that glorious tablet of renown: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephtha, of David also, and Samuel, and the prophets." Of one of us at least it can be said: "Of whom the world was not worthy" and for the kind and brave spirit of Brother Creighton Wones God hath provided a better country.

Let me, rather, touch upon such facts in our experiences this year which illustrate some principles which deeply concern our vitality and continued progress as a Church having a great message from God to the world.

I. MID-YEAR CHANGES.—In three charges sudden changes have taken pastors away during the year. At Oxford the anxiety was short, for it was quickly wired that of the family of Methodist stalwarts one Charles L. Bovard was to take the place of Brother Geissinger, and we welcome him to our Conference as heartily as he has already welcomed us to Oxford.

But at Miamisburg and Springboro the flocks were longer without shepherds. In the latter emergency I approached one sterling man, who was serving a most difficult work on a starvation salary not far away, as to his willingness to make an advantageous change.

Said he: "It would be worth fifty per cent advance for me; but if I forsake the poor flock where I now am, nobody else will go. I must stay with them." Who can call our ministry mercenary with such illustrations of Christlike sacrifices? "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." It is not for me to determine the causes which lead to such interruptions to the flow of the year's work, but I must report that they should be searched out and remedied. The restlessness and confusions throughout the rank and file of our ministerial army are great, but far more serious are the sorrow, suspense, and scatterment which come from such a break in the pastoral relations. If the causes can not be found and cured, they will lead to such disorganization and demoralization as overtook the African explorer's rear guard. Instead of a victorious army of irresistible conquest, we shall be a disaffected and paralyzed remnant of a once mighty host.

2. FINANCE AND PENTECOST.—"When will preachers and presiding elders cease to talk of money?" Such questions, not entirely suppressed, are whispered within earshot of those concerned in the complaint. Our proper answer is that we shall cease to cry aloud and spare not, when the wheels of the King's chariot cease to creak and groan for lack of the oil of the happy and abundant gifts from willing multitudes; nay, when we stop talking of *gifts* until we have first *paid* what we owe the Lord. Why is our Lord so long in coming? Must we wait for a time of hunger and poverty extreme to bring us to our knees, and hasten the pentecostal blessing? Joel's "afterward," when he promises the outpouring of the Spirit, points to a time of plenty preceding the pentecostal gift. The years of the canker worm shall have been restored. And Malachi insists that when we cease to rob God and fill His house with meat, then the windows of heaven will open and overflowing blessings shall be ours. On the Dayton District the experience at a few points shows the tithing plan is growing in favor. At West Carrollton, where individual tithers have assumed this obligation, notwithstanding the great loss to the charge in the death of that noble and widely known layman, Mr. R. W. Burns, the missionary collection reaches \$445, and the total benevolences \$1,050 for the year. At St. Paul's, Dayton, a band of fifty-one tithers have contributed \$2,600, of which \$1,111 has been given to the benevolences. And just over the hills to the northwest of Oxford many of the happy people of Fairhaven and Sugar Valley Circuit adopted the proportionate plan of giving, and three years ago their missionary collection leaped to \$650, last year it climbed to \$781, and this year their pastor brings a round \$800 for Missions, with other collections up to the apportionment. And there is not a "grouchy" dollar in the lot. It is an ungrudged and a happy offering unto the Lord.

From a few such experiences we are sure that it is safe to urge that we find some basis of *principle* in giving. And then that *system* be followed in the gatherings. A man would starve, even on the fat lands of the Dayton District, if he plowed with a wooden mold-board and a yoke of oxen. Many of our Church plans are that much behind the age. If it involved their *own* instead of their minister's starvation, the alert minds of stewards would quickly find a better way. We are called *Method-ists*. A dweller in a Chicago alley was boasting recently of some of her proud distinctions. Said she: "My husband is a traveling man. He travels under a *consumed* name." Our name was given us by our enemies as a reproach. Ridicule hit the truth. The name was accepted; it was a fit, and it survived. But now,—Dean Farrar, some time before

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Said he: "It would be worth fifty per cent advance for me; but if I forsake the poor flock where I now am, nobody else will go. I must stay with them." Who can call our ministry mercenary with such illustrations of Christlike sacrifices? "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." It is not for me to determine the causes which lead to such interruptions to the flow of the year's work, but I must report that they should be searched out and remedied. The restlessness and confusions throughout the rank and file of our ministerial army are great, but far more serious are the sorrow, suspense, and scatterment which come from such a break in the pastoral relations. If the causes can not be found and cured, they will lead to such disorganization and demoralization as overtook the African explorer's rear guard. Instead of a victorious army of irresistible conquest, we shall be a disaffected and paralyzed remnant of a once mighty host.

2. FINANCE AND PENTECOST.—"When will preachers and presiding elders cease to talk of money?" Such questions, not entirely suppressed, are whispered within earshot of those concerned in the complaint. Our proper answer is that we shall cease to cry aloud and spare not, when the wheels of the King's chariot cease to creak and groan for lack of the oil of the happy and abundant gifts from willing multitudes; nay, when we stop talking of *gifts* until we have first *paid* what we owe the Lord. Why is our Lord so long in coming? Must we wait for a time of hunger and poverty extreme to bring us to our knees, and hasten the pentecostal blessing? Joel's "afterward," when he promises the outpouring of the Spirit, points to a time of plenty preceding the pentecostal gift. The years of the canker worm shall have been restored. And Malachi insists that when we cease to rob God and fill His house with meat, then the windows of heaven will open and overflowing blessings shall be ours. On the Dayton District the experience at a few points shows the tithing plan is growing in favor. At West Carrollton, where individual tithers have assumed this obligation, notwithstanding the great loss to the charge in the death of that noble and widely known layman, Mr. R. W. Burns, the missionary collection reaches \$445, and the total benevolences \$1,050 for the year. At St. Paul's, Dayton, a band of fifty-one tithers have contributed \$2,600, of which \$1,111 has been given to the benevolences. And just over the hills to the northwest of Oxford many of the happy people of Fairhaven and Sugar Valley Circuit adopted the proportionate plan of giving, and three years ago their missionary collection leaped to \$650, last year it climbed to \$781, and this year their pastor brings a round \$800 for Missions, with other collections up to the apportionment. And there is not a "grouchy" dollar in the lot. It is an ungrudged and a happy offering unto the Lord.

From a few such experiences we are sure that it is safe to urge that we find some basis of *principle* in giving. And then that *system* be followed in the gatherings. A man would starve, even on the fat lands of the Dayton District, if he plowed with a wooden mold-board and a yoke of oxen. Many of our Church plans are that much behind the age. If it involved their *own* instead of their minister's starvation, the alert minds of stewards would quickly find a better way. We are called *Method-ists*. A dweller in a Chicago alley was boasting recently of some of her proud distinctions. Said she: "My husband is a traveling man. He travels under a *consumed* name." Our name was given us by our enemies as a reproach. Ridicule hit the truth. The name was accepted; it was a fit, and it survived. But now,—Dean Farrar, some time before

his death, declared that Methodism had lost the spell of its name. Shall we re-name ourselves *Method-less*?

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may be able to tabulate results, we have to report about seven hundred conversions, with probably nine hundred additions to the Church. Many of these came by letter, but the large majority came on probation.

Our church buildings generally are in good repair. Every charge except two, Loveland and Pleasant Plains, has a parsonage, and Loveland is now taking steps looking to the purchase or building of a parsonage.

Improvements on church and parsonage property have been made in the several charges as follows: Clarksville, \$135; Highland, \$108.36; Hillsboro, \$130.15; Jamestown, \$110; Loveland, \$250; Maineville, \$87.46; Morrow, \$100; New Burlington, \$66.47; New Jasper, \$80; New Vienna, \$70; Pleasant Plains, \$215; Rainsboro, \$94; Wilmington, \$22.85; First Church, Xenia, \$490.31; Trinity, Xenia, \$410.

Special mention should be made of the following: W. M. Patton, pastor of Union Charge, has builded and dedicated a new, beautiful, and commodious church at Spring Valley at a cost of about \$10,000.

Zoar Church, on the New Burlington Charge, O. D. Becker pastor, was remodeled and re-seated at a cost of \$1,200.

The church at Westboro, on Martinsville Charge, W. S. Gray pastor, was renovated and re-seated at a cost of about \$500.

The church at Sabina, W. M. Coffman pastor, has been re-frescoed and re-carpeted at a cost of \$1,100.

The debt of \$12,000 on the church at Greenfield was canceled by the pastor, John E. Beery, on the last Sunday in June, the third anniversary of the dedication. One of the remarkable things of this debt-raising campaign is that over five hundred and fifty individual subscriptions were made, representing nearly every family connected with the Church.

While the consolidation of the benevolent societies of the Church may be a good thing, and doubtless will prove to be so in the near future, yet we fear that for the present year its effect will be a decrease in some of the collections. Many of our pastors have made a personal canvass of their charges for the benevolences, and we hope that the district as a whole will make an advance on all lines.

A word about pastoral support. The average salary in the district is \$826.25. If this were the minimum, our pastors would have a comfortable support, but, unfortunately, the minimum is away below this, consequently some of our pastors are doing very hard work on exceedingly small pay. The cost of living is from twenty-five to thirty per cent higher than it was a few years ago, but never were more bountiful harvests reaped than this year, and we trust that these two facts will result in increased salaries the coming Conference year.

We have living within the bounds of the district three of our superannuated preachers. Milton P. Zink, a charter member of this Conference, is living in Hillsboro with his daughter. He passed his eighty-second milestone last July. He is a sweet-spirited, saintly old man, patiently awaiting his coronation. It is a benediction to be in his home. He has a warm place in his heart for his presiding elders.

William P. Jackson is living a quiet life in his home at Blanchester. As a result of his army life, his earthly vision was closed years ago; but his spiritual vision has been intensified, and while "looking at the things that are not seen" he is being "changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord." He realizes that though the earthly house of his tabernacle is being dissolved, he has "a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Sullivan W. Edmiston is living on a farm near Winchester. Although he has passed his seventy-fifth birthday, he is still active, and delights to fill appointments made for him by his brethren. We were converted and joined the Church under his ministry, and are always delighted to be in

his company. We hope he will finish his course with joy and enter into the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

Sunday-schools are maintained in nearly all of our Churches, most of them during the entire year. Nearly all of our schools are supplied with our own literature; some, however, seem to think that the literature must be well "Cooked" in order to be palatable. When will our people come to know that the best literature for our Sunday-schools is that prepared and furnished by our own great publishing houses?

• One of the growing needs of the Sunday-school is trained teachers. A man, in order to teach in the public schools, must pass a rigid examination and receive from the board of examiners a certificate of his qualifications. Should the Bible teachers in our Sunday-schools be any the less qualified? Scores of men and women are teaching in our Sunday-schools with little or no preparation except a willingness to do what they can. A normal class for the training of teachers in every Sunday-school would soon solve this problem and give to the Church a corps of trained teachers.

The Epworth League in some of our charges is doing a good work. Its greatest need is leadership. Where this obtains, and all the departments kept at work, it results in great good.

The District Epworth League Convention, held at Loveland in June, was voted by all in attendance a great success. It elected for its president Mr. Erskine R. Hayes, of Wilmington, O., a young man well qualified for the place. If he receives the encouragement to which he is entitled, we ought to be able to report at the next Annual Conference one League at least for each pastoral charge.

Methodism in this Conference is passing its first centennial period. Last year Jamestown held a centennial service. This year old Union Church, on Union Charge, under the direction of the pastor, W. M. Patton, held such a service. Rev. John G. Black, a superannuated member of this Conference and the oldest living pastor of old Union Circuit, preached, to the delight and edification of the large audience, on Sunday morning, August 18th.

The Quarterly Conference records of this charge from 1807 are in the hands of the pastor. They show that John Collins, pastor of Union Circuit, represented the Western Conference in the General Conference in 1812. The entire service was a field day for Methodism in that community.

Among the changes in the work of the district during the year we note the following:

Soon after Conference it became evident to L. M. Davis, pastor at Loveland, that his health would not permit of his continuing in the regular work. At the first Quarterly Conference he resigned his charge, and Thomas S. King, of Cincinnati, was appointed to supply the work till Conference.

Purdy L. Van Wicklen, pastor at Bowersville, resigned his charge in April to attend school at Boston, and Roy B. Coleman, of Rainsboro, has been supplying the work. He has done so well that the Quarterly Conference invited his return for the ensuing year.

Since the death of James R. Hill, of the Highland Charge, John Wilson has supplied the work, and will make the report of the charge to the Conference. Brother Wilson has done valuable service this year, not only at Highland, but at Loveland before the vacancy caused by the resignation of the pastor was filled; and also at Greenfield during the vacation of the pastor.

George Gable, who was appointed assistant pastor at Hillsboro, entered the evangelistic field and has been at work as an evangelist most of the year. He reports at least one thousand conversions during the year,

five hundred uniting with our Church. He greatly enjoys this work. He desires to continue in that field of labor.

With devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has given us health and strength to attend every quarterly meeting during the year, we close this report.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

A. N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

MILFORD DISTRICT has had a *hard* year. Two great floods in a few months of each other, driving families out of their homes or into their second stories, and shutting out congregations from their sanctuaries, the filthy waters damaging walls, floors, and furniture, and in a few instances the parsonages suffered. Brother Chapman, pastor at New Richmond; Brother Washburn, the pastor at Manchester, and their wives, could draw a graphic picture of what they endured for many weeks from the overflowing of the vile waters.

Brother Huntington and family, at Chilo, were surrounded by the flood, but happily for them the parsonage remained above the desolating waves. One week I was unable to reach the places where they were to be held, and had to re-announce the quarterly meetings. I did not see the floods and the ruin they wrought at their worst, but what I did see beggared description.

The loss in property, in business, and in time was great; but the most grievous result of all, in some instances, was the demoralization that followed.

Then the continuous and heavy rains greatly interfered with the attendance upon the special services held for the promotion of revivals. The pastors began the year with a greater desire than usual for the salvation of souls, and some of them seemed almost heartbroken when their meetings were literally "rained out."

An unusual measure of sickness also prevailed, especially among the children in some parts of the district. But the faith, courage, and zeal of pastors and people did not fail them. Cast down, they have not been destroyed. The clouds have had a silver lining. Some mercy drops have fallen in all the charges, and conversions have been reported from nearly all, reaching from one to one hundred. New Richmond, Aberdeen, Georgetown, Winchester-Seaman, Peebles, Ripley, West Union, Amelia, Chilo, Manchester, Mason, Moscow, Owensville, Mulberry, Felicity, Leesburg, Laurel,—all have rejoiced with the angels in heaven over the conversion of from one to ten souls. The following have rejoiced over a larger number: Williamsburg Circuit, 13; Summerside, 13; Mt. Orab, 14; Mt. Washington, 14; Goshen, 16; Branch Hill, 18; Batavia, 20; Decatur, 24; Milford, 25; Marathon, 37; Lebanon, 40; Bethel, 40.

Newtown, during a long-continued battle, in which the pastor's zeal seemed indeed to be "a living fire," ninety-eight souls were "born of the Spirit, born from above." Williamsburg, one of the old Methodist strongholds of Clermont County, had reached a critical condition. The old leaders and pillars were nearly all gone. The fires were dying out on the closet, family, and public altars. The tide had turned away from the Church, and it looked as if her glory had departed. The black shadow of spiritual decay hung over all. But the new pastor quickly discovered the great need of the hour. Inspired by mighty prayer and faith, his trumpet gave no uncertain sound. Soon the battle was on, and soon the shout of victory was heard. The pastor writes: "The old-fashioned mourners' bench was dusted and brought into service. Church members,

backsliders, and sinners cried for mercy. Five weeks the battle was waged against the strongholds of sin, and a glorious victory was ours." The revival, which embraced Clover, a nearby appointment, resulted in a hundred conversions. The aggregate of conversions for the district is 559.

The accessions to the Church on trial and by letter aggregate about eight hundred. The largest number of accessions were enrolled in the following charges: Batavia, 31; Decatur, 32; Milford, 42; Lebanon, 50; Mt. Washington, 56; Bethel, 80; Newtown, 99; Williamsburg, 123.

The spirit of improvement has been well-nigh universal, as the following figures so clearly indicate. Raised for the improvement of the Church and parsonage property: Amelia, \$200; Batavia, \$350 (the parsonage never looked so inviting as it does now); Aberdeen, \$300 (church and parsonage in new dress); Branch Hill, \$85; Decatur, \$295; Dunkinsville, Union Church removed and renewed; Feesburg, \$12; Felicity, \$120; Georgetown, \$135; Goshen, \$150 (parsonage—new cement pavement and beautiful coat of paint); Laurel, \$965 (Pisgah Church changed and adorned); New Richmond, \$175; Lebanon, \$700 (new roof on church, and parsonage and church painted. Claims for year met; money in treasury; increase in benevolences); Mt. Orab, \$975; Manchester, \$340 (parsonage and church more beautiful than before the floods); Marathon, \$410 (the church in Marathon frescoed, clothed in new beauty); Moscow, \$121 (the four churches of this charge have all been improved during the pastorate of Brother Phillips); Mulberry, \$110 (the church in Perintown adorned anew); Owensville, \$165 (parsonage improved); Ripley, \$235; Summerside, \$375 (church at Summerside put in fine condition); West Union, \$550 (Liberty Chapel greatly changed; new seats. An honor to the society. Costing \$500. Stone Chapel also improved and beautified); Winchester and Seaman, \$50; Newtown, \$860 (Armstrong Chapel, old and honored, clothed as with the beauty of youth); Milford, \$2,000 (Sunday-school room enlarged, new cement walks, church painted outside; church and parsonage never were so attractive as now. Increase in collections; all claims met; money in treasury); Bethel, \$1,530 (an attractive, practically a new church, has taken the place of the old, dingy, dilapidated one. This called for the expenditure of some \$4,000. Led by the pastor, the people responded nobly, and the entire amount, with a good surplus, has been pledged and is in process of payment. The new church and parsonage are now in line with the growth of this thrifty, growing, and handsome town. Pastor and people rejoice greatly.); Mt. Washington, \$1,125 (this charge has had a year of unusual success, not alone in additions to the membership, but in the improvement of the Church property. California Church, swept by the floods, has not only been restored, but clothed with new beauty, externally and internally. In this the pastor, S. H. Griffith, led on splendidly, and Cincinnati Methodism graciously helped. Mt. Washington Church, with its fine, new cement walks and pavement; the stairway leading up from the basement to the auditorium, where the old seats have been supplanted by elegant assembly chairs; and the auditorium carpeted and frescoed, is now one of rare beauty); Mason, \$121; Williamsburg, \$2,000. Here where, to use his own language, the pastor "found them discouraged,—worshipping in a building erected in 1845, in no respect adapted to the needs of the people, but they were not conscious of it." But as the result of the Pentecost, the spiritual resurrection, which lifted them into a new realm of spiritual life—to use the pastor's own language again: "With new eyes the people saw that the old building was not sufficient, and they made it possible with their money to remodel the building at a cost of something over \$4,000. The money is almost raised by good subscription, and about one-half has been paid." The new superstructure will be up-to-date, modern in its appointments, an elegant and commodious building. The

work is going bravely on, and it is hoped will be completed by October 1st. The full description of this great work will properly follow its completion. Permit me to say a word as to the devoted and successful leader in the great work of salvation and church improvement in Williamsburg, for the sake of the inspiration which may come to us from his example.

In our Discipline we read: "1. Gaining knowledge is a good thing, but saving souls is better. 2. By this very thing you will gain the most excellent knowledge, that of God and eternity. 3. You will have time for gaining other knowledge, too; only sleep no more than you need, and never be idle, nor triflingly employed." Brother W. J. Dunham has been diligently seeking this "most excellent knowledge," and has greatly rejoiced over the salvation of many souls. But he has also found time to "gain other knowledge." In answer to my request for a statement in regard to this, he has written me: "I have been working for years on a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in the Midland University of Chicago, so on the 19th of last June I went to Chicago, and for one week I was examined by the faculty of that institution, passed, and received my degree. I did it because I felt I owed it to my Church, my Conference, and myself. My work has been heavy. I have felt many times like surrendering, but by God's help I have held on. If I have done anything, I deserve no credit. I want to hide behind the cross. The Lord is good, and I want Him to have the glory."

The application of this is easy.

The work in the Sunday-schools goes on with increasing interest. The Home Department is gaining. In Lebanon, largely through the consecrated efforts of one zealous woman, the enrollment has reached 375 in number. Great possibilities are within reach of our Sunday-schools in this direction. The Epworth League has "lost out" in some places, and is not as full of life, or as aggressive, or as jubilant with hope, as it once was, but is doing well in some places. The class-meeting in some Churches is only a memory; in others, is "living at a poor, dying rate." In a goodly number it retains some of its old-time fervor and power. It is a wonderful help in the development of a "witnessing Church," and no satisfactory substitute has been found for it.

The missionary spirit lives on, and the pastors are seeking to develop it more and more among all the people.

Charges that need help, and are not giving their pastors a comfortable living, are doing something for "World-wide Missions."

I fear that, through the causes suggested as so seriously hindering our work, our collection may fall below last year. And yet, in spite of all difficulties, some pastors will report handsome gains. Strenuous efforts have been made to at least reach last year's standard, outside the special gift, then reported, of several hundred dollars.

The pastors in not a few charges suffer grievously through the failure of the stewards to provide for the prompt payment of their salaries. Estimating committees too often report a niggardly sum, and the process of gathering it in and paying it over is so slow, that pastors and their families suffer until they become heartsick and discouraged.

Georgetown has made a splendid advance this year in adding \$100 to the pastor's salary, and paying it monthly.

Felicity has turned over a new leaf, and has been paying the pastor's claim in full every week. One or two brothers, by persistent work, have accomplished what, to many, seemed an impossibility. And this has been done following a heavy loss in financial ability through deaths and removals. They now have money in bank to pay the weary preacher every Monday morning.

God grant that these noble examples may provoke many other charges to love and good works of a similar nature! An increase in salary and

prompt payment of the same would help greatly to make every charge one of genuine *felicity*.

The pastors, a noble body of loyal, self-sacrificing men, have "continued in fellowship and doctrine," inspiring each other and their people to abound in every good work.

Two district meetings, one at Russellville on the Decatur charge, the other in the handsome new church in Bethel, were splendidly cared for by the Churches named, under the leadership of Rev. B. H. Lewis and Rev. D. S. Ewry, their pastors.

They were delightful seasons, full of blessing to pastors and people.

Death has not emptied any of our pulpits. Some pastors have been ill, but have been graciously restored to health. Brother H. O. Collins, pastor of Mt. Orab charge, has recently been stricken down with typhoid fever, and I fear will not be able to be with us in our Conference session. We pray that God may speedily restore him to health and add many years to his useful ministry.

Rev. W. F. Martin and his good wife have recently been called to surrender a most precious child, whose sudden departure left their home so empty and filled their hearts with anguish, but the loving Savior comforts and sustains them.

Rev. W. E. Mitchell, nominally reappointed to West Union, as he expected to be transferred to another Conference, was so ill at the close of our session at Eaton that his physician advised him to rest a year. The Presiding Elder, assured that this was the wisest thing for him to do, consented to it, and, released from pastoral burdens, spending much time in the South and in travel, he is so greatly improved in health that he is now ready for pastoral work.

Dr. F. M. Clemans, much improved in health, consented to supply West Union, and did so to the great satisfaction of the people, until two months ago he felt duty called him to care for his afflicted wife, and resigned. He made a deep and lasting impression upon the charge, and his departure created great and universal regret.

Dr. R. E. Smith for two months has so acceptably filled the vacancy thus made that his ministry as pastor is desired for the coming year.

Our superannuated brother, J. R. Hunter, continues well, and seems ever ready to do what he can to help in the Lord's work.

I magnify the name of the Lord for strength given me for the strenuous labors of another year, and thank my ministerial brethren and their families for their unceasing kindness and helpfulness.

ADDENDA.—I feel constrained to beg the kind indulgence of the Bishop and the Conference while I speak as Paul once did, and then said, "I speak foolishly." Why "foolishly?" Because he spake of himself. He was justified in so doing, because his subject was a great, if not an unequaled, human personality.

For many years I have been a member of this Conference, and have said but little, outside of what duty seemed to demand, in the way of reports, because I have felt from the beginning that in comparison with so many wise brethren I was only a child, and hence I have been "swift to hear and slow to speak."

I still feel that my proper place is at your feet, and this reveals "my foolishness" in speaking of so small a subject as *myself*. I would have delayed a little longer saying what I am now about to say, but the passing of so many fellow-laborers of my age, and often much younger, suddenly and unexpectedly, has suggested the danger of delay.

Fifty years I have been a member of this body. Fifty-two years ago in the city of Urbana, Bishop Morris presiding, I was admitted into this Conference on probation. The Conference then had nine districts: East Cincinnati, John F. Wright presiding elder; West Cincinnati, Au-

gustus Eddy presiding elder; Dayton, William Herr presiding elder; Urbana, Michael Marlay presiding elder; Xenia, William I. Ellsworth presiding elder; Hillsboro, William Simmons presiding elder; and three German mission districts also belonged to it.

The English-speaking members numbered about 146. Only six are living. Only four are now in the Conference: W. H. Sutherland, John Vance, M. P. Zink, J. T. Bail. Not one remains in the effective ranks. Bishop Morris also presided over the Conference at its session in Piqua in 1857, when I was ordained deacon and received into full membership. Bishop Ames ordained me an elder in Dayton in 1859.

A glorious company of Bishops, now in heaven, have assigned me fields of labor, uplifted and inspired me to holy living and holy deeds by their eloquent sermons and addresses—Morris, Ames, Janes, Scott, Simpson, Baker, Clark, Thomson, Kingsley, Harris, Wiley, Gilbert Haven, Erastus O. Haven, Peck, Ninde, Foster, Hurst, Joyce, Merrill, FitzGerald, twenty in all.

Fifty-two years of *sweet* fellowship, sharing hardships with my brethren on big circuits, living on small salaries, spending months at a time, year after year, holding special services.

Plodding over long, muddy, rough roads, often in the darkness of starless nights and the cold storms of winter preaching, exhorting, praying, often warned that I would "*kill myself*." Then followed *easier* fields in some respects in city stations, but more exhausting in others. Preaching in the bounds of every district, and traveling two of them, my life has been so fashioned by and interlinked with the Cincinnati Conference that to me it has been "home, father, mother, sister, and brother." Bishop Foster once asked me, in response to an urgent call to a Church in another Conference, to transfer; but said he would not transfer me without my consent. I felt that I could not leave the Church I was then serving, and so I did not consent.

Fifty-two years I have shared the trials and the triumphs of my brethren. I have seen hundreds converted, and have had, I trust, a *little* share in leading them to Jesus Christ.

Many years the sick and invalids in my own home have demanded my care. Seven times the death angel has shadowed my household. I have tested, as death has robbed me of so many loved ones, the life-giving power of the Gospel I have preached. I have tested, in heart-breaking sorrows, the healing and comforting power of Him whom I know and love, *whose love has never failed me*, and hence He has *often chastened me*. No man on earth, or in heaven, owes so much as I do to the Cincinnati Conference. My last appointment as an effective preacher I am here to receive through the grace of Bishop Spellmeyer and of my beloved brethren of the Milford District. In another year I expect to finish my itinerant journeyings with joy, and then rest a *little* while amid the scenes of my childhood and youth, and then some sweet day rejoin the Conference of 1855 and from thence on answer to the roll-call of the Cincinnati Conference in heaven. I am sweetly persuaded that my glorified comrades and Bishops will give the old itinerant a warm greeting, and "Jesus, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop," will bid me welcome home. *Blessed be His name forever.*

Fifty-two years the Cincinnati Conference has borne with my imperfections and failures, and year by year has said, when my name has been called, "*Nothing against him.*"

Beloved brothers, young and old, please give to this old child of the Cincinnati Conference "*a little bit*" of your love, and a share in your prayers, a *little while* longer, and thus help to make my evening time like the dawning of the eternal day.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

G. W. DUBOIS, *Presiding Elder.*

THE year on the Springfield District has been one of many changes in the pastoral relation, no less than six charges having suffered the loss of the pastors under whose care the work of the Conference year began. In October Rev. R. J. Wyckoff was transferred to the Rock River Conference. In December Rev. C. H. Haines was notified of his election to a professorship in the Gammon School of Theology. In April the young men acting as supplies on Brandt and King's Creek Circuits left for other fields of labor. S. W. Bell was moved from Miamisburg to Piqua, and A. L. Brokaw from Northside, Cincinnati, to Greenville. O. L. Seward was sent to Northside, and H. S. Hollopeter, recently graduated from the Boston School of Theology, was secured to fill out the year at Covington. Brandt and King's Creek have been supplied by students—W. E. Ward, of the U. B. Seminary, Dayton, and A. G. Schatzman, of Delaware. These unexpected breaks have interfered somewhat with the plans and work of the year, but in no case was a charge left for any length of time without a pastor, and the efficiency of our system was demonstrated in a very satisfactory way, and on the whole we have had a good year. In the changes made an earnest effort was made to advance our own Conference men, and with good success. We think we are justified in taking the position that when opportunity for advancement offers, our own men who began at the bottom and have patiently done some of the hard work and have had some of the poor pay should not be passed by without proper consideration. The pastors assigned to fill the vacancies in the important charges, Greene Street, Piqua, and Greenville, have abundantly justified the wisdom of the episcopal appointment, and both Churches make a fine showing at the end of the year. The smaller charges which lost pastors and found others also have done well.

The heaviest blow has fallen upon First Church, Urbana. Early in June the pastor, J. E. Abrams, was taken ill with typhoid fever. After some weeks he seemed to have passed the crisis of this disease, when symptoms of tuberculosis appeared, and on July 8th he suffered a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. This greatly prostrated him, and he grew steadily weaker during the next few days, and in the early morning of the following Sunday, July 14th, his spirit passed away. He met death consciously and bravely, and with unwavering faith in the Lord and Savior, whose minister he was and whose Gospel he had faithfully preached. He had been with us eighteen years, and we honored and loved him. He was successful from first to last, and conscientiously cared for all the interests of the Church. He was apt, cheerful, hopeful, modest, brotherly. He lived a beautiful life among us, and has left a stainless record.

Twice during the year death has entered the home of our superannuated brother, L. F. Young, of Piqua, and two of his sons have fallen before the attack of the Great White Plague. He and his family deserve our sincere sympathy.

Six of our Conference veterans reside in the Springfield District: J. M. Shultz, effective forty-one years; J. G. Black, thirty-seven years; John Vance, thirty-six years; G. M. Edgar, thirty-four years; C. H. Kalbfus, thirty years; L. F. Young, twenty-three years. All are able to attend the services of the Church and to render some assistance to the pastors. Rev. J. F. Chenoweth has received recently an appointment to a chaplaincy in the United States army. He served his Church to the end of the year, but now goes to this honorable and highly

useful position, carrying our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for his success.

The year has been one of some spiritual progress, but this forward movement has not been what we have desired, nor has it been at every point on the line. A tide of worldliness has swept in upon us, and the effect upon the spiritual life and activities of the Church has been very marked. A worldly Church is a dreadful clog to the plans of a pastor who longs and prays for the complete triumph of the kingdom of God. But the pastors have pushed the battle as bravely as could be done, and have met with varying degrees of success.

It has been a year of considerable improvement in church and parsonage property and in paying off and reducing Church debts. The more noteworthy expenditures are at Greenville, where a set of chiming bells worth \$900 is about to be placed in the church tower through the generosity of a recently deceased member of the Church, Miss Sophia Koop; at Grace Church, Piqua, where a new pipe organ has just been installed at a cost of \$1,500, and in the parsonage of Central Church, Springfield. Asbury charge, Dialton Circuit, is making an earnest effort to secure a new church, and the people of Central Church, Springfield, with great unanimity and enthusiasm have determined to rise and build a new structure to meet the imperative demands of the large membership and the needs of the various societies and organizations of the Church. A unique and admirable plan of subscription has been devised, and, with \$20,000 now on the books, it would seem that the project is sure to succeed.

A Methodist Social Union has been formed in Springfield, and two highly successful meetings, one of which was addressed by President Herbert Welch, were held during the year. The annual convention of the Epworth League furnished a program of a very high degree of excellence, due largely to the constant personal care of the President, H. E. Armacost; but a method is yet to be discovered of sending the information and enthusiasm of a splendid convention throughout the district so that every chapter shall feel the thrilling impulse. Rev. S. W. Bell succeeds Brother Armacost in the presidency of the District League.

Our district missionary secretary, G. W. Vorhis, has been attentive to his duties, and many of our pastors have made use of the literature provided by the missionary secretaries. Nearly all of our benevolent collections were taken on the old plan, as the new apportionments did not reach us till late in the Conference year. The apportionments made to the Springfield District are relatively too high. It is a manifest injustice to ask more of the Springfield than of the Dayton District, or even as much. My protest to the Committee on Apportionments of the Missionary Society passed unheeded last year, and all the concession yet made is to fix the apportionments of these two districts at the same amount, but every preacher in the district knows that justice requires either an advance for the Dayton District or a reduction for ours. Let every man and every Conference district bear its own burden. The Springfield District collected and paid more last year for General Conference expenses than any other district in the Conference, and we hope to come up this year with all claims paid. It is a hard collection to get, but we hope to get it and have every charge on the roll of honor.

If the opinion of the Quarterly Conferences is at all representative, our people think the General Conference too large a body. Nearly every Quarterly Conference in this district has recommended, by a formal vote, a reduction in the size of this body, most of them urging that the basis of representation be changed from forty-five to ninety.

The new method of electing delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference has proven a conspicuous failure. Even in the largest Churches

the vote cast was very small, and in some of the country Churches no voters at all appeared when the polls were opened. The plan has been particularly awkward and unsatisfactory on the circuits where no regular week-day services are held and where several elections were to be provided for and yet but one person to be elected.

Our country work gives us anxiety. Its importance is apt to be underestimated by those who have not given the matter careful consideration. Many do not realize how largely our town and city Churches depend upon the village and country Churches for a constant infusion of new life. A writer in a recent number of the *Methodist Review* asserts that "more than one-half of the total population of the United States will have their religious and moral instruction and leadership directly or indirectly from the country Churches, or they must remain destitute," and he adds: "I believe there is no other institution that actually has, in spite of its faults and misfortunes, so great a potentiality, and thus mission and responsibility, in maintaining the moral integrity of the American people as the country Church." But our country Churches are gradually weakening, the salaries are small, and many pastors feel it a hardship to serve such charges. And often it is a hardship, and the men who do this work need the sympathy of all who are better provided for. Every preacher in the Conference should seriously study this phase of our work. Here the strong must help the weak. Town and city must reach out helping hands and the work must be maintained. We believe that our young men, fresh from college and theological school, should be willing to do some of this work. No one will deny that their services are worth more than the average circuit salary, but in maintaining the work of a Methodist Conference it is not a question of getting all that a man's work is worth. Many a man who has toiled many years and has appreciably contributed to the task of making our Church great and strong never has been paid what his services have been worth. Our plan has been to go to those who need us most, and the young men of to-day, rich in privileges enjoyed, surely will be willing to do their share of the hard work which has organized and supported our vast circuit system and thus has enabled us to do unique service among the great ecclesiastical denominations. We have had one deaconess employed in the district, at Greene Street, Piqua. Miss Fuller has found an inviting field in this thriving town. Under her care the Favorite Hill Mission has prospered greatly, the Sunday-school has grown to an attendance of nearly one hundred, and the preaching service established by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Bell, has furnished a good congregation. Grace Church, Springfield, has completed arrangements for supporting a deaconess this coming year. I wish that we could multiply this small contingent many times over. Our pastors have too many burdens to bear, too many demands upon their time and strength. Our people are insistent upon high grade work in the pulpit, but few of them realize that such work is not possible to men who are loaded down with a hundred petty responsibilities and whose time is consumed by things of minor importance. The small salary is another source of anxiety. Our ministers receiving these salaries are patient and faithful, but they feel the pinch of the increased cost of living. How to maintain the work and at the same time secure more adequate remuneration for the pastor is the unanswerable question. One thing is plain: the men of our Conference who do this work and receive this insufficient pay ought to have the friendly interest and appreciative sympathy of all in better positions. As a rule, our pastors are thoroughly interested in the work of civic reform and in all matters pertaining to the higher life of the community. Our pulpits are open to the speakers of the Anti-Saloon League, our pastors and people sup-

port every local effort to extirpate the liquor saloon, and our Church is the steadfast ally of good government. The rapidly growing desecration of the Sabbath is an ominous feature of our life. This spirit has invaded the Church, and it seems impossible to impress upon Christian people the results sure to follow. The attendance upon Sunday-school and Church services plainly shows the effect of this non-religious observance of this sacred day, and it becomes increasingly difficult to secure even a hearing for the Gospel message. The very general discontinuance of the Sunday evening preaching service is another marked change in Church life. During the present summer we had but one Church of strength in the Springfield District that maintained the evening preaching service. Central Church, Springfield, kept open doors, had good congregations, and heard the true Gospel message every Sunday night. It is a great relief to a weary pastor to have this second service lifted from his shoulders, but with baseball games, and vaudeville shows, balloon ascensions, open cigar stores, and other loafing places, picnics and family reunions, country club parties, etc., seizing upon Sunday afternoons and evenings, it is as plain as plain can be that there must be a new evangelism, or the Christian Church will lose out in the end. Some of these things mentioned may be harmless in themselves, but they drive out the consideration of religion and thoroughly secularize life.

The men of the Springfield District have had enough success to make them thankful, enough disappointment to make them humble, enough work to keep them busy; they face conditions so serious that they must be thoughtful; they have enough love for man to intensify their spirit of consecration, and enough faith in Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, who is to be final victor in the age-long conflict to make them feel that the work of the Christian ministry is the noblest task to which they can dedicate their powers, and that in this work any charge is a post of honor.

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STATISTICS.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
 ANSWER, \$13,834 60

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund, \$22 00
 From Mears' Bequest, 150 00
 From Book Concern Dividend, 1,817 00
 From Conference Trustees, 1,850 00
 From the Charges, 6,711 81
 Borrowed from Preachers' Relief Society, 37 79
 Total, \$10,588 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	\$400 00	\$304 00	East Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	400 00	304 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. C. T. Crum,	Self,	400 00	304 00	209 Babbitt St., Dayton, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	Self,	400 00	304 00	911 Market St., Zanesville, O.
Rev. J. P. Gilliland,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pasadena, Cal.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman,	By mail,	350 00	266 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Blanchester, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	350 00	266 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. C. H. Kalbfus,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Flat Highlands G, Toledo, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	Self,	300 00	228 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. C. D. Munsey,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	824 E. Third St., Cincinnati, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Ottawa, O.
Rev. G. L. Travis,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Lewisburg, O.
Rev. S. Weeks,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. C. J. Wells,	By mail,	250 00	190 00	522 W. 27th St., Norfolk, Va.
Rev. Wm. M. West,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Pasadena, Cal.
Rev. L. F. Young,	By mail,	400 00	304 00	Piqua, O.
Rev. J. H. Davis,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. J. E. H. Sentman,	Self,	200 00	152 00	Mainville, O.
Total,		\$8700 00	\$6612 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. J. E. Abrams,	Net	\$50 00	\$50 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. Creighton Wones,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Funeral expenses of Rev. J. R. Hill,	Net	50 00	50 00	
Paid Note for money bor- rowed from Preachers' Relief Society, with int'st	Net	155 00	155 00	
Incidental expenses of Secretary and Treas'r,	Net	4 60	4 60	

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid.	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker, . . .	By mail,	\$200 00	\$152 00	Cleveland, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop, . . .	By mail,	150 00	114 00	119 E. First St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . .	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	A. L. Brokaw,	100 00	76 00	Greenville, O.
Mrs. T. S. Cowden, . . .	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. N. W. Darlington, .	By mail,	100 00	76 00	2340 Kemper Lane, Walnut Hills.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Fletcher Hypes, . .	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Owensville, O.
Mrs. Chas. Hartley, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Delaware, O.
Mrs. E. McHugh,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	R. R. No. 1, Hamilton, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Maysville, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Anderson, Ind.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay, . . .	By mail,	150 00	114 00	73 Green St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. D. A. McCollm, . . .	By mail,	150 00	114 00	160 Linden Ave., Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton, . .	By mail,	175 00	133 00	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page and child,	By mail,	250 00	190 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith,	By mail,	300 00	228 00	19 Mound St., Dayton, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson, . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	.....
Mrs. H. Stokes,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	.....
Mrs. Timothy Wones, . . .	By mail,	150 00	114 00	.....
Mrs. Creighton Wones, . .	By mail,	250 00	190 00	.....
Mrs. J. R. Hill,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	.....
Grand total, . . . . .	.....	13,834 60	10,588 60	.....

Total Receipts, \$10,588 60

Total Expenditures, 10,588 60

A. L. BROKAW, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASSETS.

Stocks: 119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.,	\$11,900 00
Notes secured,	17,350 00
Suspense Account,	300 00
Lot in Madisonville, O.,	70 00
Cash in Bank,	41 62
Total,	<u>\$29,661 62</u>

LIABILITIES.

Capital Account,	\$29,661 62
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RECEIPTS.

Bills receivable—Loans paid back,	\$3,200 00	
Little Miam R. R. Stock—Proceeds of sale,	3,296 25	
Interest received,	1,954 62	
		\$ 8,450 87
Cash on hand September 1, 1906,		2,107 95
		<u>\$10,558 82</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made,	\$6,850 00	
Accounts payable,	50 00	
Treasurer Conference Stewards—		
Paid Sept., 1906,	1,670 00	
" " 1907,	1 950 00	
		\$3,520 00
Expenses,	97 20	
		<u>\$10,517 20</u>
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.,		41 62
		<u>\$10,558 82</u>
Interest received as above,	\$1,954 62	
Balance interest account, August 31, 1906,	2 35	
		<u>\$1,956 97</u>
Expenses paid as above,		97 20
		<u>\$1,859 77</u>
Balance brought down, interest account,		\$1,850 00
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards,	\$1,850 00	
Balance interest in bank,	9 77	
		<u>\$1,859 77</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., August 29, 1907.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, certificates of stock, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and we find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made, also letters containing enclosures of drafts, etc. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati, O.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WEAKLEY,

J. T. BAIL,

JOHN A. STORY.

Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	CASH.	VOUCHERS.	TOTAL.
Board of Foreign Missions,	\$10,258 00	\$ 5,744 00	\$16,002 00
Undivided S. S. Missionary Offering, . .	4,890 00	2,165 00	7,055 00
Home Missions and Church Extension, . .	6,724 00	2,716 00	9,440 00
Children's Fund for Student Aid, . . .	916 00	543 00	1,459 00
Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools, . .	2,444 00	1,102 00	3,546 00
Local Educational Interests,	497 00	217 00	714 00
American Bible Society,	492 00	606 00	1,098 00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, . .	88 00	20,846 00	20,934 00
Woman's Home Missionary Society, . .	35 00	10,138 00	10,173 00
Total Disciplinary collections,	\$26,344 00	\$44,077 00	\$70,421 00
Home for the Aged,	309 00	1,885 00	2,194 00
Christ Hospital and Deaconess Home, . .	476 00	81,970 00	82,446 00
Other Benevolent Offerings,	184 00	19,064 00	19,248 00
General Conference Expenses,	917 00	184 00	1,101 00
Conference Claimants' Fund,	6,185 00	508 00	6,693 00
Episcopal Fund,	1,461 00	212 00	1,673 00
Total of all Collections,	\$35,876 00	\$147,900 00	\$183,776 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for Freedmen's Aid and Episcopal Fund,	\$3,905 00
Paid Samuel Shaw, Treasurer, for San Francisco Fund,	144 00
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Children's Fund,	916 00
Paid Herbert Welch, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	497 00
Paid Miss Lilian Hoffman, for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	88 00
Paid Mrs. Geo. O. March, for Woman's Home Missionary Society,	35 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged,	309 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital and Deaconess Home, . .	476 00
Paid A. L. Brokaw, for Conference Claimants' Fund,	6,185 00
Paid Oscar P. Miller, Treas., for General Conference Expenses, . .	917 00
Paid Homer Eaton, for Missionary Societies,	21,872 00
Paid Wm. Foulke, Treasurer American Bible Society,	492 00
Paid Wm. Green, for Cincinnati Missionary Society,	30 00
Paid Homer Eaton, for Linzell's Orphans, India,	10 00
Total disbursements,	\$35,876 00

Receipts and vouchers for these amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

Home address:

3908 Eastern Av., Cincinnati, O.

Approved by the *Auditing Committee,*

T. D. MOORE, *Secretary.*

GEO. H. DART, *Chairman.*

STATISTICS NO. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - T. W. SALT, Georgetown, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Probationers..	Full Members..	Local Frthers.	Deaths.....	Ch. d'n Bap'd..	Adults Bap'd..	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages.....	Probable Val...	Paid on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property...	Pd. for build- & impr. Chrs & Parsonages..	Present In- debtedness on Ch. Property...	
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale Charge: Avondale....	1	200	1	2	1	1	16	170	1	\$40,000	1	11,000				
Pleasant Ridge.....	5	145	1	1	2	1	14	120	1	2,500			\$8,000			
Bond Hill.....	2	107	1	1	1	1	14	110	1	5,000			165			
Carthage.....	11	135			11	1	26	159	1	4,500			20			
Central City Charge: Christie..	32	300	1	6	9	2	25	225	1	20,000	1	5,000	2,850			
Asbury.....	18	168	1	2	2	1	16	164	1	15,000	1	2,500				
York Street.....	13	188	2	5	12	1	25	234	1	15,000			400			
Finley.....	5	139		1	3	1	17	200	1	10,000			500			
East Pearl Street.....	4	80		1	9	2	12	115	1	14,000	1	4,000	50			
Clifton.....		65		1	1	1	7	65	1	40,000						
Columbia.....	14	269		6	5	8	22	275	1	11,000	1	3,000	40			
Delta Ave.....	17	158		2	9	1	21	175	1	12,000			50			
Elmwood Place and Reading...		130	1	1	9	2	28	285	2	7,500			212			
Fairmount.....		126		1	6		27	200	1	7,000	1	2,500	458			
First Church: Northside.....	6	363	2	3	10	5	31	263	1	38,000			1,555	\$248	\$533	
Linwood and Madison Ave.....	3	148	1	2	5	1	18	180	2	12,500			231		1,494	
McKendree.....	12	296	1	4	17	11	25	148	1	16,000			1,900			
Mt. Auburn.....		265	1	3	3	1	18	180	1	35,000			300			
Mt. Lookout.....	7	192		2	6	2	18	165	1	5,500	1	3,500	400			
Price Hill.....	7	288	1	1	10	4	21	265	1	18,000			2,400			
Riverside and Camp Washington		150		1	20	9	34	350	2	8,000						
St. Paul.....	18	658	1	3	14	1	30	415	1	125,000	1	20,000		511	2,000	
Trinity.....	31	587	3	6	7	8	32	350	1	75,000	1	6,000	600			
Walnut Hills.....	12	515	3	5	15	3	36	205	1	60,000	1	15,000				
Wesley.....	117	552	1	16	31	8	47	410	1	95,000	1	10,000	1,500			
Westwood Charge: Westwood...	7	257		2	5	3	47	280	1	50,000	1	8,000	473			
Groesbeck and Asbury.....		111					20	150	2	4,000						
Ebenezer and Dent.....		46		1			2	14	80	2	4,500					
Miami and Mt. Hope.....	4	55	1	1	1	2	18	100	2	3,000			75			
Winton Place.....	3	111		1	2	2	19	259	1	15,000	1	10,000				
Addyston.....	23	159		3			11	120	1	3,000			175			
Cleves & Harrison.....	4	315		6	4		34	200	2	12,000	2	2,800				
Delhi.....	17	262	3	1	11	6	35	210	1	15,000			230	2,018	1,400	
Hartwell.....	7	271	1	3	9	8	28	200	1	12,000	1	3,000	462			
Wayne Avenue.....	5	373		7	4	2	21	167	1	25,000	1	6,000				
Madisonville.....	10	455	1	5	7	10	32	300	1	25,000	1	3,000	30			
Norwood: First Church.....	15	354	1	3	5	2	40	423	1	23,500			220	2,960	3,600	
Grace Church.....	18	290		2	2	10	22	230	1	15,500			2,600	2,850	1,700	
Cincinnati Missionary Society..	[185	307]					[4	34	249	[18	9,500]			[1300]		
Totals.....	615	9600	27	108	266	117	49	955	8226	48	909,100	18	115300	20,615	8,819	12,027
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany.....	12	208	1	4	3	1	16	87	1	3,000	1	1,000	150			
Camden.....	1	139					18	125	1	8,000	1	2,500				
Centerville.....		314		6	2	30	30	235	2	8,000	1	1,000	680			
Dayton: Broadway.....	66	814	1	10	6	20	50	375	1	15,000	1	3,500	2,000		2,662	
Grace.....	10	902	2	12	25	15	34	410	1	60,000	1	10,000	1,382			
Homestead Avenue.....	8	55			2		15	75	1	6,000						
Raper.....	24	912	1	16	18	11	50	519	1	70,000			140	3,419	16,900	
Riverdale.....	17	245		2	5	2	21	250	1	18,000			350	1,200	4,200	
St. Paul.....	32	840	1	6	24	6	45	576	1	27,000	1	5,000	359			
Trinity.....	8	359	2	4	18	4	31	250	1	10,000	1	3,000	250		650	
Eaton & West Alexandria.....	12	471	1	4	16	52	49	435	2	38,000	1	3,500	3,000	1,000		
Ebenezer & Woodward Avenue.	19	275		2	3	10	37	320	2	4,600	1	1,400	873	62	14	
Fair Haven & Sugar Valley.....		276		3	4	2	35	250	2	6,600	1	3,000	120			
Donnelsville.....		85		2	3		11	69	1	3,000			50			
Fort Jefferson.....	20	195		1	5	3	45	320	4	12,000	1	1,000	3,500			
Franklin.....		348					20	140	1	20,000	1	4,000	80			
Germantown.....	16	160	1	5	7	2	22	140	1	5,000			130			
Gordon.....	2	175		1	1	6	4	350	4	10,500	1	2,000	1,500		300	
Hamilton: First Church.....	11	742	1	13	23	23	44	550	1	40,000	1	10,000	8,500			
Lindenwald.....	4	208		5	9	5	22	250	1	8,000			100	100	800	
Lewisburg & Brookville.....		285		2		1	3	45	3	8,800	1	2,000	200			
Miamisburg.....	33	350		6	4	5	35	294	1	37,000	1	5,000	147	3,746		
Middletown.....	30	669		8	21	9	25	530	1	40,000	1	2,000	473			
Monroe.....	4	180		2	4		2	18	180	2	9,500	1	2,000	155		
New Paris.....		133		1	1	17	27	140	3	2,000	1	700	25			

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPT.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.									
	Probationers..	Full Members..	Local P'phers..		Deaths.....	Adults Bap'd..	Child'n Bap'd..	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages.....	Probable Val..	Paid for build. & Impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages..	Paid on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property...	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property...
DAYTON DIST.—Cont'd.																	
Osborn.....	15	240	6	1	3	46	220	3	\$11,000	1	\$2,500	\$400				\$1,500	
Oxford.....	14	442	2	4	1	28	320	1	40,000	1	2,500	697	\$260			1,418	
Port Union and Glendale.....	3	200	1	4	3	25	150	4	10,500	1	2,500	35					
Red Lion & Merrittstown.....		185	1	2	2	20	100	2	3,500	1	1,500	10					
Seven Mile.....	2	247	3	9	4	2	26	171	3	9,800	1	1,000	548	130		41	
Springboro and Lytle.....		240	1	1		1	12	70	1	3,500	1	1,500	10				
Venlee (Ross).....	9	381	4	6	9	5	66	275	5	10,000	1	800					
Walker & Union.....		93	3		2	19	105	2	2,500			56					
West Carrollton.....	1	253	3	8	4	1	21	275	1	25,000	1	3,000				1,800	
West Chester.....	2	275	7	4	3	30	160	3	3,800	1	1,200	300				450	
West Elkton.....	20	355	3	2	19	1	5	42	325	6	8,000	1	700	75			
West Milton.....	8	160	3		3	38	148	4	6,800	1	400	10				23	
Totals	403	12411	17	151	256	246	69	1168	9402	75	604,400	30	80,200	26,055	10,167	33,363	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belmont.....	3	344	1	4	6	6	67	270	6	18,000	1	2,000				35	
Blanchester.....		234	3	4	16	1	21	255	1	10,000	1	2,500				300	400
Bowersville.....	7	240	1	1	2	11	3	44	253	4	9,800	1	850	65			
Centerfield.....	6	29	2			1	9	45	1	2,000			216				
Clarksville.....	21	309	6	13	20	5	52	275	4	9,500	1	2,000	135				
Greenfield.....	32	1075	8	10	25	1	50	850	1	75,000	1	5,000			12,000		
Highland.....		407	1			3	52	370	3	9,000	1	3,000					
Hillsboro.....	12	841	4	10	7	8	1	35	487	1	12,000	1	7,000	242			
Jamestown.....	5	364	6	1	12	1	17	178	1	12,000	1	2,000	110				
Leesburg.....	65	33	9	7	35	3	48	350	3	13,000	1	2,500	150				
Loveland.....	19	230	1	1		1	22	180	1	7,000			550				
Lynchburg.....	4	550	1	13	6	21	4	59	435	4	12,500	1	2,000			100	600
Maineville.....	3	175	2			3	35	215	3	6,000	1	1,200	87	20			
Martinsville.....	4	390	2	6	1	7	4	43	275	4	10,000	1	1,500	450	33		
Morrow.....	10	153	1			1	10	125	1	3,500	1	1,500	50				
New Burlington.....		439	1	4	2	4	4	52	302	4	7,200	1	1,600	1,200			
New Jasper.....	10	304	6	2	4	3	33	150	3	8,000	1	2,000	100				
New Vienna.....	3	340	3	1	3	3	3	220	3	10,000	1	2,500	70				
Pleasant Plain.....	8	372	3	1	32	5	56	396	5	8,700			240				
Rainsboro.....	4	417	2		7	4	61	605	4	8,000	1	1,200	80				
Sabina.....	1	334	2	5	8	2	1	25	175	1	12,000	1	1,500	1,100			
Slaking Springs.....	4	310	1	2		1	5	43	210	5	6,000	1	1,000	125			
South Lebanon.....	13	505	1	2		1	3	18	110	3	3,500	1	1,500	100	30		
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	17	330	1	4	2	23	5	58	295	6	5,800	1	1,100		125		
Union.....	10	367	2	2	8	5	67	360	5	15,000	1	2,000	5,233			3,016	
Waynesville.....	8	251	6	4	11	1	20	180	1	4,000	1	3,000	175				
Wilmington.....	9	296	1	2	4	2	1	24	160	1	15,000	1	6,500	259	340		
Xenia: First Church.....	92	730	6	15	2	1	36	425	1	33,000	1	4,500	100				
Trinity.....	6	324	9	20	4	1	25	167	1	20,000	1	5,000	411			700	
Totals.....	376	10795	18	128	112	262	80	1132	8316	81	365,500	26	66,450	10,948	13,783	4,716	
MILFORD DISTRICT.																	
Aberdeen.....	2	347	10	2	8	3	35	210	4	6,000	1	800	325				
Amelia.....	5	261	1	6	5	7	3	34	280	3	6,000	1	700	300			
Batavia.....	3	288	2	5	1	13	1	22	265	1	15,000	1	1,500	300			
Bethel.....	10	450	6	17	30	3	50	375	3	12,000	1	1,500	60			1,500	
Branch Hill.....	5	159	3			2	4	25	188	5	10,000			30			
Chilo.....	10	258	1	8		4	3	35	140	4	5,000	1	400	3			
Decatur.....	2	280	1	3	8	19	5	50	280	5	6,500	1	1,200	275			
Dunkinsville.....		117	2			3	23	210	3	3,000	1	200	500			192	
Feesburg.....	6	253	4		8	5	53	225	5	5,500	1	800	12				
Felicity.....	8	300	2	9		1	3	40	255	3	5,200	1	1,000	150			
Georgetown.....	11	493	8	9	10	3	44	300	3	10,000	1	1,800	135				
Goshen.....	4	215	1	5	3	19	1	25	100	1	5,500	1	1,800	150			
Laurel.....	6	388	2		17	4	52	325	4	7,500	1	1,800	816				
Lebanon.....	19	387	1	7	3	1	1	25	20	1	12,000	1	2,500	700			
Manchester.....	1	335	4	1	2	3	38	291	3	7,000	1	1,500	340				
Marathon.....	8	475	1	4	5	10	5	45	252	5	8,000	1	1,200	350			
Mason.....	8	263	3	4		3	35	270	3	8,200	1	4,000	120				
Milford.....	1	360	1	4	5	14	1	23	230	1	8,000	1	2,500	2,400			
Moseow.....	8	311	2	4	6		4	50	250	4	12,000			350			
Mount Orab.....	6	500		7		5	75	420	5	8,000	1	1,500	975	300			
Mt. Washington.....	3	160			2	3	3	16	160	3	3,500	1	1,000	900			
Mulberry.....	5	234	1		7	3	6	40	210	6	8,000			200			
New Richmond.....	11	220		1		1	1	16	140	1	4,500	1	1,500		100	50	

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MILFORD DIST.—Cont'd															
Newtown.....	78	290	...	5	2	24	4	37	241	4	8,800	1	1,800	860	...
Owensville.....	1	350	...	8	1	...	4	45	200	4	8,000	1	2,000	200	72
Peebles.....	10	300	...	6	...	4	3	43	300	3	4,000	1	1,500	...	...
Ripley.....	6	240	...	5	...	6	1	17	175	1	40,000	1	3,000	235	150
Summerside.....	12	250	1	3	4	9	4	56	260	4	8,000	1	1,800	400	...
West Union.....	5	510	...	9	...	4	3	45	375	3	6,000	1	1,700	700	...
Williamsburg.....	37	455	...	9	6	40	2	46	272	2	6,000	1	1,800	...	...
Williamsburg Circuit.....	9	180	1	4	1	8	4	35	145	4	4,500	...	...	11	90
Winchester and Seaman.....	4	335	1	4	3	5	2	37	249	2	11,000	1	1,000	50	...
Totals.....	294	9974	16	159	90	271	100	1206	7792	104	272,700	28	48,800	11,907	2,034
SPRINGFIELD DIST.															
Arcanum.....	4	150	...	5	2	6	1	23	180	1	6,000	1	2,500	...	...
Brandt.....	5	75	...	3	...	3	3	32	185	4	4,300	1	1,200	20	...
Catawba.....	12	391	1	7	12	...	3	53	260	3	9,000	1	2,500	...	110
Cedarville.....	8	336	...	7	5	31	2	30	202	2	6,000	1	2,000	...	...
Christiansburg.....	...	250	1	5	...	1	4	38	205	4	7,000	1	1,200	750	...
Concord & Westville.....	...	244	...	6	...	...	2	27	200	2	7,000	1	1,200	60	...
Covington.....	8	131	...	4	...	...	1	18	100	1	5,000	1	2,000	...	34
Dialton.....	11	275	...	7	...	...	3	55	283	3	7,600	1	1,250	422	...
Greenville.....	23	422	1	2	...	...	1	36	325	1	27,000	1	6,000	29	790
King's Creek.....	23	154	1	1	3	10	3	40	270	4	5,500	1	1,200	55	...
Mechanicsburg.....	5	350	...	10	5	10	1	20	200	1	30,000	1	2,500	...	268
Mutual.....	23	270	...	5	2	12	4	50	225	4	7,500	1	800	200	...
New Carlisle.....	5	297	3	2	...	3	1	30	300	1	4,000	1	1,500	10	...
New Moorefield.....	14	350	2	6	8	3	5	57	306	5	12,000	1	1,700	378	...
Piqua: Grace.....	6	355	...	4	15	5	1	32	302	1	10,000	1	4,000	...	...
Greene Street.....	19	688	1	9	16	7	2	56	875	2	32,000	1	9,000	...	...
South Charleston.....	44	421	...	3	5	...	2	34	300	2	12,000	1	5,000	37	...
Springfield: Central.....	20	892	3	13	3	12	1	52	400	1	20,000	1	10,000	...	175
Clifton Ave.....	...	348	...	7	4	9	1	38	300	1	3,500	...	...	...	...
Grace.....	2	300	...	3	...	4	2	25	250	2	2,500	...	...	...	...
High Street.....	8	620	1	3	2	3	1	24	240	1	70,000	1	10,000	...	3,131
St. Paul.....	...	340	...	5	3	3	1	28	215	1	40,000	1	2,000	220	2,000
Tippicanoe City.....	12	273	1	6	7	5	1	23	200	1	16,000	1	2,000	100	200
Tremont City.....	6	325	1	4	...	30	3	32	140	3	14,000	...	...	185	...
Troy.....	35	575	...	5	1	2	1	23	475	1	60,000	1	7,000	25	2,000
Troy Circuit.....	1	232	...	4	...	17	3	42	275	3	8,000	1	1,500	280	...
Urbana: First Church.....	22	524	1	5	15	3	1	26	289	1	25,000	1	5,000	...	350
Grace.....	11	364	...	7	2	1	1	26	200	1	25,000	1	3,000	...	165
Yellow Springs.....	8	391	...	5	8	1	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	2,000	100	...
Totals.....	325	10343	17	153	120	181	58	1020	8462	60	485,900	27	88,050	2,871	7,478

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths.....	Adults Bap'd.	Child'n Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages....	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati.....	615	9600	27	108	266	117	49	955	8326	48	\$909,100	18	115800	\$20615	\$8,819
Dayton.....	408	12411	17	151	256	246	69	1168	9402	75	604,400	30	80,200	26,055	10,167
Hillsboro.....	376	10795	18	128	112	262	80	1132	8316	81	365,500	26	66,450	10,948	18,783
Milford.....	294	9974	16	159	90	271	100	1206	7792	104	272,700	28	48,800	11,907	561
Springfield.....	325	10343	17	153	120	181	58	1020	8462	60	485,900	27	88,050	2,871	7,478
Totals, 1907.....	2013	53123	95	699	844	1077	356	5481	42298	368	2637600	129	393800	72,306	40,803
Totals, 1906.....	2198	53345	106	617	789	1483	353	5409	41513	370	2557100	129	392900	55,034	22,138
Increase.....	...	...	...	82	55	...	3	72	785	...	80,500	...	1,500	17,362	18,665
Decrease.....	185	222	11	...	406	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	19,056

STATISTICS NO. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

T. W. SALT, Georgetown, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.							
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept., who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.
Cincinnati,	49	955	8,326	5,366	528	925	4,770	389
Dayton,	69	1,168	9,402	6,284	643	1,184	5,587	368
Hillsboro,	80	1,132	8,316	4,787	535	954	3,501	415
Milford	100	1,206	7,792	5,294	618	1,152	4,739	413
Springfield,	58	1,020	8,462	5,037	705	1,031	4,827	378
Totals, 1907,	356	5,481	42,298	26,768	3,029	5,246	23,424	1,963
Totals, 1906,	353	5,409	41,513	26,748	2,626	5,048	18,114	2,351
Increase,	3	72	785	20	403	198	5,310	.....
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	388
								\$117

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.		Deficiencies.....	Total Receipts.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	Conference Claimants.		Current Expens's	Benevolent Collections.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
		Claims.	Total							Received From.	Total.....		Missions.		Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.		Education Local Interests	American Bible Soc.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	W. H. M. S.		Total Other Benevolent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expenses..	Home for Aged.....	Hospital and Deacon-ness.....																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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† Includes appropriation from the Sustentation Fund.

* Does not include appropriation from the Sustentation Fund.

\$9000 from Avondale W. F. M. S. is from Special Gifts.

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.			Su'port Presid. Elders.		Su'port of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	Conference Claimants.		Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																			
		Claims.	Total Receipts.....	Deficiencies.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....		Received From.	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Bibles, etc.....	Missions.				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.				Education Local Educational Interests	American Bible Soc.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	W. H. M. S.		Total Other Benevolent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged.....	Hospital and Deaconess.....			
														Board For. Missions	Sunday-school not Divided	(a) Church	(b) Spec'l Gifts	Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S.	Child Fund for Stud. Aid	Total	(a) S. School				(b) Cash.....	(b) Supplies							
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Bethany	[W. W. Tranter]..	\$650	\$75	\$725		\$54	\$54	\$10	\$10	\$789	\$25	\$25	\$100	\$80	\$62	\$13	\$15	\$4	\$15	\$5	\$24	\$6	\$5	\$17	\$10		\$10		\$5	\$15			
Camden	S. B. Timmons.....	650	150	800		56	56	2	2	860	5	5	125	75	35	10	3	3	3	3	3	47	49							54			
Centerville	A. D. Maddox.....	800	150	950		71	71	12	12	1033	64	64	225	70	82	58	40	12	15	27	7	5	105		78	\$7	32	19					
Dayton: Broadway..	John Lloyd.....	1400	200	1600		120	120	21	21	1741	30	30	475	160	108	80	130	10	25	35	5	4	469	444	\$45	33	5		38				
Grace	M. B. Fuller.....	2500	600	3100		241	241	39	39	3880	200	200	4100	300	367	306	293	19	170	189	25	37	220	413	52	1919	64		258				
Homestead Ave.....	[Horace A. Ewell]	300		175	\$ 125					175			40		4		50																
Raper	V. F. Brown.....	1600	300	1900		142	142	24	24	2066	79	79	1619	256	133	39	193	140	\$7	18	57	8	83	8	15	268	201	19	300				
Riverdale	E. W. Serl.....	1100		1100		82	82	17	5	1187	10	10	650	170	30	18	20		15	15				10		37	4		3				
St. Paul	D. G. Latshaw.....	1600	300	1900		142	142	33	33	2075	138	138	900	300	549	35	105	50		21	60		81	50	20	137	159		506	45	70		
Trinity	O. M. Sellers.....	850	200	1056	Ex 6	75	75	12	12	1143	20	20	250	152	34	31	45		16	5		21		1		43	15	86	5	34			
Donnelsville	[C. F. Gowdy].....	150		150		12	12	3	3	165	3		40	20	14		1	1		1		1	1				1						
Eaton and West	E. M. Ellsworth..	1500	200	1705	Ex 5	128	128	15	15	1848	60		940	278	48	30	103	57		10	8	2	20	2	8	101	102	35	59	2	40		
Ebenezer and Wood-ward	N. O. Sweat.....	600	135	735		52	52	9	9	796	11		189	192	17		36	19		10	6		16		3			62	5				
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley	T. G. Williams.....	700	100	800		53	53	10	10	863	56		120	78	422		98	310		10	42		52	10	20		81	12	10	29			
Fort Jefferson.....	[D. S. Ferguson]..	600	75	675		48	48	8	8	731	16		150	65	35	8	25		4	5		9		2		4	8		2				
Franklin	Asa J. Kestle.....	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	35		525	60	30		44	30		5	15		20		4	35	110		4	32			
Germantown.....	J. J. Hawk.....	550		632	Ex 82	41	41	5	5	678	22		191	108	35		40	30		2	10		12		1				12				
Gordon	Thomas Cundy....	600	100	700		42	42	10	10	752	20		175	200	42		58	39		11	7		18		2								
Hamilton: 1st Church	A. B. Austin.....	2000	300	2360		177	177	30	30	2567	50		50	1333	300	168		130	159		14	32		46	13	9	186	207	104	234	30	117	
Lindenwald	C. P. Pumphrey....	750		750		40	40	4		790	3		3	210	75	8		6	3		3					25		13		3			
Lewisburg and Brookville..	G. W. Keen.....	775	125	900		60	60	11	11	971	43		43	275	150	53		40	55		28					96	34			18			
Miamisburg	W. L. Boicourt....	1400	200	1600		105	105	17	17	1722	80		80	765	300	105		64	85		18	45		63	5	5	47	48		89	60		
Middletown	W. E. Hammaker..	1400	200	1600		112	112	15	5	1727	100		100	1035	229	80		55	105		12	40		52	5	12	50	106	81	121	18	164	
Monroe	J. A. Jenkinson....	800	100	900		67	67	9	9	976	10		10	120	50	25		15	2		5	5	1	11		12	16	50	1				
New Paris.....	C. S. Grauser.....	600	75	688	Ex 13	40	40	6	3	731	9		9	90	76	7	15	7	10		3	7		10		2			2				
Osborn	A. Hamilton.....	700	110	810		49	49	12	12	871	13		13	200	200	15		13	15		5			5	2		55		88	4	15		
Oxford	Chas. L. Bovard....	1500	300	1800		127	127	18	18	1945	81		81	706	172	135	23	50	128		10	28		38		8	112	156		130	4	106	
Port Union and Glendale	G. P. Austin.....	800	125	925		69	69	9	9	1003	16		16	125	65			16	16		18			18	3	2			6		6		
Red Lion and Merrittstown	D. W. C. Washburn..	600	100	600	100	50	*	8	8	606	2		2	100	25	3		8	2		2	2		4									
Seven Mile	Jos. W. Patton.....	800	100	900		67	67	12	12	979	35		35	145	180	150		5	20		20	5		25	10	2	42		28	12			
Springboro and Lytle	[Jas. C. Lewis]....	600	75	675		34	34			709	10		10	145	85	9		14	2		3	3		6		1		36	5		2		
Venice	H. Hershey.....	700	75	775		58	58	5	5	838	20		20	160	160	60	15	1	25		5	4	1	10		1		17					
Walker and Union.....	[A. A. McGinniss]	400		365	35	33	33	5	4	402	20		20	54	51	5	30	10	23		8	6		14		5			5				
West Carrollton.....	W. T. Gilliland....	900	200	1100		82	82	13	13	1195	70		70	470	144	150	15	115	161			35		35		15	101	91	124	145	4		
West Chester.....	C. L. Gowdy.....	700	100	800		56	56	10	10	866				150	103	10		10			4	4		8									
West Elktown.....	W. H. Cundy.....	630	60	642		48	47	6	6	695	20		20	178	152	46		19	14		10	2		12					5		4		
West Milton.....	R. O. Matthews....	[500]	100	600]		45		5	5	605	9		9	180	62	30			7		8	4	1	13		2			4	5			
Totals		\$33705	\$5140	\$38643	\$202	2763	2668	\$437	\$415	\$41728	1385		1385	17085	\$5138	3109	267	1774	2130	7	\$332	\$677	18	1027	\$152	106	\$1095	2321	530	\$4070	283	128	\$1099

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.		Su'port Presid. Elders.	Sup- port of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	Conference Claimants.		Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																						
		Claims.	Total Receipts.....		Deficiencies.....	Amount Paid.....		Amount Appor- tioned.....	Received From.	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	Missions.				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Suncay-schools.		Edu- cation Local Educa- tional Interest.....	American Bible Soc.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash.....	(b) Supplies.....	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expenses.	Home for Aged.....	Hospital and Deacon- ness.....							
													Board For. Missions	Board of Home Miss. & Chu'h Ex.	Collection for Freed. Aid & S. S.	Total.....	Collection for Child Fund for Stud Aid	b/ S. Scho'l																
																												(a) Church.....	b/ Spec'l Gifts	(a) Church.....	b/ Spec'l Gifts			
		Salary	House Rent.....					Collections.....	Other Sources.....			(a) Church.....	b/ Spec'l Gifts	(a) Church.....	b/ Spec'l Gifts																			
Belfast	J. A. Easton.....	\$600	\$100	\$700	.....	\$52	\$52	\$8	\$2	\$760	\$5	.....	\$5	\$330	\$75	\$50	.....	\$3	\$1	.....	\$5	\$5	.....	\$10	.....	\$1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester.....	A. T. Cowgill.....	800	150	950	.....	68	68	9	9	1027	33	.....	33	250	120	45	.....	70	30	.....	5	15	.....	20	.....	5	.....	\$68	.....	\$35	.....	\$10	
Bowersville.....	Roy B. Coleman.....	650	75	650	.....	55	55	9	9	714	10	.....	10	210	55	21	.....	12	46	.....	24	3	.....	27	\$4	4	.....	.....	.....	\$2	9	.....	11
Centerfield.....	J. H. Davis.....	60	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	5	.....	5	6	12	5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	H. H. Compton.....	800	150	951	Ex \$1	68	68	10	10	1029	40	.....	40	200	132	38	100	25	40	.....	4	17	.....	21	6	6	.....	10	.....	.....	5	.....	41
Greenfield.....	J. E. Beery.....	1600	300	1900	.....	136	136	20	20	2056	100	.....	100	870	400	182	.....	130	25	.....	8	30	.....	38	4	5	177	\$64	113	.....	71	20	245
Highland.....	Jas. R. Hill.....	750	200	950	.....	64	64	11	11	1025	40	.....	40	200	120	78	.....	29	45	.....	13	7	.....	20	4	4	92	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	W. A. Deaton.....	1500	300	1800	.....	127	127	15	15	1942	60	.....	60	574	180	175	.....	50	205	.....	7	20	\$5	32	5	4	280	251	20	350	.....	51	
Jamestown.....	Chas. L. Conger.....	1050	150	1200	.....	89	89	13	13	1312	80	.....	80	464	165	95	.....	112	76	.....	5	20	.....	25	113	4	139	84	50	56	9	.....	110
Leesburg.....	E. T. Lane.....	750	150	900	.....	64	64	11	11	975	30	.....	30	300	125	50	.....	32	40	.....	12	40	.....	52	10	5	84	59	14	21	5	\$5	5
Loveland.....	Thos. S. King.....	650	.....	650	.....	42	42	7	7	699	16	.....	16	150	100	10	.....	55	6	.....	6	3	2	11	.....	7	5	.....	.....	40	4	.....	28
Lynchburg.....	Chas. W. Briggs.....	900	150	1050	74	74	11	11	1135	38	38	250	162	81	71	5	12	5	12	17	14	7	27	46	11	5
Maineville.....	J. E. H. Sentman.....	650	100	750	.....	56	52	6	.....	88	10	.....	10	200	100	11	.....	14	2	.....	5	2	.....	7	1	1	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Martinsville.....	W. S. Gray.....	750	96	846	.....	64	64	11	11	920	.....	.....	.....	200	90	68	\$15	16	30	.....	12	.....	.....	12	.....	1	1	28	.....	88	6	.....	8
Morrow.....	Geo. S. Easton.....	700	100	800	.....	59	59	.....	.....	859	18	.....	18	160	52	11	.....	13	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
New Burlington.....	O. D. Becker.....	800	100	900	.....	68	68	12	12	980	62	.....	62	186	187	217	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	.....	25	.....	2	2	36	.....	67	5	2	30
New Jasper.....	Frank Leever.....	700	100	800	.....	60	60	10	10	870	10	.....	10	180	60	45	.....	5	83	.....	5	3	.....	8	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Vienna.....	J. H. Lease.....	750	150	900	.....	64	64	11	11	975	60	.....	60	225	150	100	.....	15	100	.....	11	15	.....	26	.....	4	152	.....	.....	4	17	.....	10
Pleasant Plain.....	[Jos. Shepard].....	600	.....	600	.....	51	51	4	4	655	2	.....	2	190	164	18	.....	12	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rainsboro.....	J. F. McColm.....	650	75	725	.....	55	55	9	9	780	20	.....	20	210	108	18	.....	28	24	.....	10	.....	.....	13	4	4	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	4	.....
Sabina.....	W. M. Coffman.....	800	150	950	68	68	12	12	1030	45	45	150	90	80	54	60	4	22	4	2	73	17	5	15
Sinking Spring.....	[J. C. Boltin].....	550	50	560	40	46	41	3	570	3	3	155	46	35	3	3	8	22	8	1
South Lebanon.....	J. M. Bennett.....	600	100	700	51	51	5	756	2	2	125	33	5	3
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	[T. M. Scarff].....	500	75	560	15	45	42	7	.....	608	.....	.....	.....	125	85	38	.....	12	25	.....	4	10	.....	14	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	5
Union.....	W. M. Patton.....	800	150	950	.....	68	68	12	12	1030	50	.....	50	225	150	117	.....	44	45	.....	10	25	.....	35	.....	2	77	.....	96	5	.....	5	.....
Waynesville.....	Philip Trout.....	800	150	950	.....	68	68	4	4	1022	20	.....	20	128	60	40	.....	18	12	.....	7	5	.....	12	.....	.....	40	.....	10	.....	1	23	.....
Wilmington.....	J. S. Pumphyrey.....	800	240	1040	Ex 26	68	68	18	18	1326	65	.....	65	303	85	90	.....	50	67	.....	14	23	.....	37	3	.....	83	.....	27	17	.....	50	.....
Xenia: First Church	E. H. Cherington.....	1500	300	1800	126	126	24	24	1950	100	100	1150	232	250	130	255	10	40	50	5	15	157	226	403	27	25
Trinity.....	J. R. Colley.....	1200	300	1500	100	100	20	20	1620	45	45	463	94	70	50	125	28	28	10	117	167	44	227	21	8	60
Totals		\$23260	\$3961	\$27092	1946	1934	\$284	\$291	\$26392	\$969	\$969	\$3179	\$3432	2043	165	\$920	1393	\$224	\$317	\$32	\$573	\$185	102	\$1654	\$851	276	\$1622	185	\$50	\$747

STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.		Support Presid. Elders.		Support of Bishops		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	Conference Claimants.		Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
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STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor	Pastor's Support.			Su'port Presid. Elders.		Su'port of Bish'ps		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	Conference Claimants.		Current Expens's		Benevolent Collections.																				
		Claims.	Total Receipts.....	Deficiencies.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....		Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	Missions.			Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools.			Education Local Educational Interests	American Bible Soc.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	W. H. M. S. (a) Cash.....	(b) Supplies.....	Total Other Benevolent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expenses..	Home for Aged.....	Hospital and Deaconesses.....							
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Arcanum	S. W. Campbell.....	\$750	\$100	\$850		\$65	\$65	\$13	\$10	\$925	\$5	\$5	\$200	\$100	\$30		\$20	\$10	\$4	\$14	\$1		\$66			\$5		\$24						
Brandt	[W. E. Ward]	380	60	421	\$19	25	25	6	6	452	15	15	100	45	19		\$8	3	5	8	2				3									
Catawba	J. L. Dalbey	700	125	825		65	65	11	11	901	45	45	250	116	34	40	45	10	9	19	2		57		14	5								
Cedarville	H. C. Middleton..	725	100	825		45	45	10	10	880	25	25	324	115	24	28	22	18	31															
Christiansburg	F. J. Reinbarth...	600	72	630	42	35	32	9	7	669			135	110	15	\$2	10	2	\$1	9	1		\$44		\$35	4		34						
Concord & Westville..	R. S. McCollm	750	100	850		45	45	12	12	907	14	14	180	95	35	5	30	4	6	10			39		73									
Covington	[H. S. Hollopeter]	600	140	740		30	30	9	9	779	6	6	183	90	14		14	4	3	7	6		84		\$15	17	5							
Dialton	J. F. Laird	650	100	750		50	50	10	10	810	30	30	140	92	45	7	55	12	12	5		88		132	1									
Greenville	A. L. Brokaw.....	1200	300	1505	\$15	120	120	19	15	1640	42	42	1405	154	22	103	10	16	23	5		125	99	5	246	21	5							
King's Creek	[A. G. Schatzman]	475		470	5	35		8	8	478	27	27	120	84	21	19	2	4	7	1				27	9		24							
Mechanicsburg	J. W. Gaddis	900	200	1100		85	85	17	17	1202	40	40	1731	244	180	20	96	20	10	12	2		64	108	50	10								
Mutual	W. D. English.....	600	100	705	\$165	40	40	9	9	814	10	10	200	60	49	6	10	12	5	17	2				12		25							
New Carlisle.....	C. L. Myers	700	150	900	\$150	50	50	11	11	961	45	45	150	100	73	32	10	5	11	4	20	2	151		18	9	25							
New Moorefield	J. C. Eckles.....	750	100	850		70	70	5	5	925	12	12	395	110	62	25	25	12	20	32					4	1	1							
Piqua: Grace.....	H. E. Armacost...	900	300	1200		50	50	17	17	1267	40	40	275	130	110	72	95	9	5	14					12	15	20							
Greene Street.....	S. W. Bell	1800	400	2200		140	140	28	28	2368	115	115	1550	460	500	31	126	50	70	50	75		896	172	81	171	32							
South Charleston.....	Geo. W. Vorhis..	800	200	1000		60	60	13	13	1073	66	66	320	172	110	45	72		48	10	30		331	3	25	124	16							
Springfield: Central..	A. W. Leonard	1600	400	2000		140	140	22	22	2162	148	148	793	133	187	68	510	170	84	10	21	5	38	18	19	180	138							
Clifton Avenue.....	H. G. Curless.....	950		950		40	40	9	9	999	10	10	190	120	100	15		4	5	5					15	7	5							
Grace	[A. F. White]	675		679	\$14	35	35	9	9	719	9	9	150	150	13		37	5	8	8					20	6	5							
High Street.....	E. P. Edmonds	2000	600	2600		140	140	31	31	2771			2200	175	165	100	208	17	55	10	82	25	20	226	216	111	109							
St. Paul	J. F. Chenoweth..	1200	400	1600		115	115	24	24	1739	30	30	435	35	41		40	34	10	10			7	133	51	26	25							
Tippicanoe City	S. A. Stephan	800	150	950		45	45	13	13	1008	30	30	225	75	20	37		5	4	9			6	32	15	7	18							
Tremont City	W. A. Wiant.....	438		438		25	25	7	7	470	10	10	200	168	15	3	12	10	13	23					7	7								
Troy	W. H. Wehrly.....	1500	300	1800		120	120	23	23	2086	120	120	1100	275	230		255	77	40	6	123	5	38	73	160	67	125							
Troy Circuit.....	G. R. Frenger	606	100	706		35	35	9	9	750	30	30	135	66	45	30	30	30	28	58	10				7	5	15							
Urbana: First Church	J. E. Abrams, deceased	1200	300	1500		130	130	19	19	1649	54	54	1049	129	101	211	92	14	15	29	7		126	51	46	90	44							
Grace	C. M. Van Pelt...	1200	300	1500		125	125	19	19	1644	96	96	1030	176	125	100	60	125	12	27	39		84	90	47	103	20							
Yellow Springs	B. D. Hypes.....	850	150	1002	\$12	60	60	13	13	1075	15	15	200	100	30	35	30	8	3	14	2		105	71		131	8							
Totals		\$26299	\$5247	\$31806	\$160	2020	1982	\$105	\$391	\$34123	1089	1089	15461	\$3879	2370	234	1713	1329	137	\$330	\$386	\$49	\$765	\$124	241	\$2988	\$825							

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

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CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			DAYTON—Continued.		
CLEVES,	\$550	\$550	SEVEN MILE,	\$534	\$534
Harrison,	450	450	Darrtown,	266	266
ELMWOOD PLACE,	500	500	VENICE,	90	90
Reading,	400	400	New Haven,	130	130
LINWOOD,	450	455	New Baltimore,	113	113
Madison Ave.,	450	470	Okeana,	212	212
RIVERSIDE,	500	500	St. Charles,	155	155
Camp Washington,	600	600	WALKER,	150	115
WESTWOOD CHARGE,			Union,	250	250
Asbury,	230	230	WEST CHESTER,	290	290
Groesbeck,	325	325	Tylersville,	210	210
Dent,		360	Sharon,	200	200
Ebenezer,		280	WEST MILTON,	200	350
Miami,		450	Concord,	125	150
Mt. Hope,		250	Pleasant Hill,	30	35
			Union,	75	37
DAYTON DISTRICT.			HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
CENTERVILLE,	600	600	BELFAST,	128	128
Bellbrook,	200	200	Prospect,	115	115
EBENEZER,	275	275	London,	96	96
Woodward Ave.,	325	325	Louisville,	91	91
FAIRHAVEN,	440	440	Folsom,	65	65
Sugar Valley,	260	260	BOWERSVILLE,	262	262
GORDON,	265	265	Center,	210	210
West Baltimore,	175	175	Mt. Zion,	92	92
Pittsburg,	135	135	Haws Chapel,	86	86
West Sonora,	75	75	CLARKSVILLE,	337	338
FORT JEFFERSON,	183	183	Pansy,	82	82
New Madison,	111	111	Union,	82	82
Hollandsburg,	178	178	Olive Branch,	153	153
Jaysville,	128	128	Harveysburg,	146	146
LEWISBURG,	400	400	HIGHLAND,	375	375
Brookville,	300	300	Memphis,	210	210
Pymont,	75	75	Samantha,	165	165
MONROE,	650	650	LEESBURG,	470	470
Amanda,	150	150	Olive Chapel,	155	155
NEW PARIS,	300	300	East Monroe,	125	125
Gettysburg,	300	304	LYNCHBURG,	420	430
PORT UNION,	358	358	Dodsonville,	200	203
Glendale,	208	208	Russell,	150	153
Princeton,	134	134	Dunn's Chapel,	210	188
Valley Chapel,	100	100	MAINEVILLE,	400	400
RED LION,	500	450	Zoar,	150	150
Merrittstown,	100	50			

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HILLSBORO—Continued.			MILFORD—Continued.		
Cozaddale,	\$100	\$100	Union Chapel,	\$70	\$72
MARTINSVILLE,	232	232	BETHEL,	446	446
Morrisville,	233	233	Old Bethel,	113	113
Westboro,	190	190	Lakin,	113	113
Midland,	95	95	BRANCH HILL,	100	100
NEW BURLINGTON,	251	251	Brecon,	100	100
Sharon,	233	233	Montgomery,	60	52
Lumberton,	216	216	Rossmoyne,	80	57
Zoar,	100	100	Miamiville,	100	100
NEW JASPER,	500	500	CHILO,	200	200
White Chapel,	100	100	McKendree,	90	90
Mt. Tabor,	100	100	Cedron,	100	100
NEW VIENNA,	400	400	Smith's Landing,	60	47
Auburn,	200	200	DECATUR,	174	174
West Chapel,	150	150	North Liberty,	131	103
PLEASANT PLAIN,	110	110	Russellville,	145	145
Butler,	135	135	Eckmansville,	75	75
Wesley,	135	135	Fairview,	75	75
Edenton,	135	135	DUNKINSVILLE,	37.50	26.89
McKendree,	85	85	Cedar Mills,	35	35
RAINSBORO,	302	302	Union Chapel,	19	13
Marshall,	160	160	FEESBURG,	55	55
New Petersburg,	114	114	Eden,	223	223
Boston,	74	74	Hamersville,	107	107
SINKING SPRING,	200	180	Mt. Pisgah,	62	62
Carmel,	170	160	Mt. Zion,	53	53
Pisgah,	80	80	FELICITY,	435	440
Cedar Chapel,	60	55	Point Israel,	125	125
Conway Chapel,	40	35	Mt. Olive,	40	50
SOUTH LEBANON,	425	425	GEORGETOWN,	700	700
Shiloh,	125	125	Freesoil,	100	100
Rochester,	50	50	Hillman,	100	100
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	183	183	LAUREL,	208	208
Emerald,	108	108	Mt. Pisgah,	158	158
Olivet,	102	102	Spring Grove,	122	122
Fairfax,	61	61	Franklin,	112	112
New Market,	23	24	MANCHESTER,	460	460
Wesley Chapel,	23	7	Bentonville,	160	160
UNION,	260	260	Quinn Chapel,	80	80
Richland,	159	159	MARATHON,	169	169
Gladys,	150	150	Greenberry,	103	103
Spring Valley,	260	260	Burdsall,	103	103
Mt. Holly,	69	69	Fayetteville,	66	66
			Taylor,	66	66
MILFORD DISTRICT.			MASON,	565	631
ABERDEEN,	194	199	Union,	100	90
Bradyville,	154	154	Socialville,	135	135
Ebenezer,	135	137	MOSCOW,	202	202
Fitch's Chapel,	117	117	Calvary,	200	200
AMELIA,	430	430	Pt. Pleasant,	151	151
Pleasant Hill,	150	150	Neville,	123	105

APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.....	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.....
MILFORD—Continued.			SPRINGFIELD—Continued.		
MOUNT ORAB,	\$225	\$225	Wesley,	\$85	\$43
Sardinia,	220	220	BRANDT,	130	130
Buford,	150	150	Palmer,	150	150
Shiloh,	105	105	Wayne,	100	83
New Hope,	50	50	CATAWBA,	458	458
MT. WASHINGTON,	325	325	Nation,	235	235
Salem,	100	100	Pleasant,	83	83
California,	200	200	CEDARVILLE,	650	650
NEWTOWN,	188	202	Clifton,	75	75
Armstrong Chapel,	158	212	CONCORD,	561	561
Madeira,	112	140	Westville,	189	189
Camp Dennison,	100	105	DIALTON:		
OWENSVILLE,	220	245	Newson,	397	407
Belfast,	205	205	Sims,	132	142
Newtonville,	215	215	Asbury,	121	101
Maple Grove,	85	85	KING'S CREEK,	375	370
PEEBLES,	415	415	Cable,	100	100
Locust Grove,	64	64	MUTUAL,	240	290
Dunbarton,	136	136	Union,	250	250
SUMMERSIDE,	167	167	Trickles Creek,	105	115
Asbury,	167	168	Fountain Park,	55	59
Olive Branch,	167	167	NEW MOOREFIELD:	175	175
Withamsville,	50	50	New Moorefield Village,	140	140
WEST UNION,	462	462	Fletcher Chapel,	175	175
Liberty Chapel,	150	150	Asbury Chapel,	170	170
Stone Chapel,	88	88	Vianna Church,	100	100
WILLIAMSBURG,			SOUTH CHARLESTON,	650	650
Afton,	125	125	Selma,	150	150
Concord,	110	100	TREMONT CITY,	200	200
Salem,	110	94	Terre Haute,	200	200
Branch Hill,	55	50	Grafton,	70	70
WINCHESTER,	400	.	TROY CIRCUIT,		
Seaman,	300	.	Bethel,	186.50	186.50
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			Raper Chapel,	186.50	186.50
ADDISON,	194	194	Casstown,	233	233
McKendree,	226	226	YELLOW SPRINGS,	650	650
Beech Grove,	95	95	Emory,	100	101
			Old Town,	100	101

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COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Auditing Committee met in session and carefully investigated all accounts, namely, the Mears Bequest, Treasurer of Publishing Committee accounts, Conference Treasurer's account, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and found the same to be correct.

THOS. D. MOORE, *Secretary.*

GEO. H. DART, *Chairman.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As to the present opportunities for missionary work, they are simply stupendous and unparalleled. If to-day our Church would double her gifts to this work and to-morrow double them again, we would in a few years see literally millions converted from paganism and gathered into aggressive forces for Christ that would speedily Christianize the great nations of the East. The day has come in Christian missions when the Church must think in vastly larger figures than she has been accustomed to do, both as to gifts and as to expectation of results. Hence we would strike a new keynote among our people and pray that the Holy Spirit may send upon all a profound conviction of our duty to keep step with the providence of God.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We congratulate the Church upon the present plan touching Home Missions and Church Extension. Enthusiastic concentration of effort can now be more easily secured, and better results even than in the splendid years of the past can be intelligently anticipated. As never before we have the opportunity of combining the love for country with the devotion for home, knowing that as we, in the spirit of Home Missions, serve the one we at the same time safeguard the other. The flag of a free America and the cross of a free Gospel were never in so mutually helpful relations, the flag waving a patriotic invitation to Christian workers to enter fields of richest possibilities, the cross lovingly urging the followers of Jesus to highest endeavor, and wherever the flag is known we pray the principles of the cross may be recognized and practiced.

From the standpoint of the world, the multitudes of foreigners that are flocking to our shores are a menace to the Republic, but from the standpoint of the Gospel these same multitudes are one of God's great opportunities to the Christians of this favored land to tell to these strangers the story of Christ's love and His power to save. If Christians shall be neglectful of this opportunity, the Republic will indeed

be endangered; but if they shall be true, all nations will be infinitely the gainers.

The spiritual condition of the Christless ones in our large cities can not be recognized without one's mind turning to the Master as He wept over Jerusalem. These are destructive to themselves, they are ruinous to others. Home Missions seek to solve this problem of the cities by bringing to them the Christ.

Another phase of the work of this Board that appeals to the heart is that it is the channel through which relief to the distressed is afforded. If it is a call because of a fire, or tornado, or flood, or earthquake, it is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension that responds, as the calamity-smitten cities of Charleston, Galveston, Jacksonville, and San Francisco gratefully testify.

The Church Extension feature of this Board is one that must appeal to every lover of the kingdom of Jesus. Nearly 15,000 Churches have been helped to help themselves, and these have begun immediately to spread the seed of salvation. No greater work is being fostered by our Church than is Church Extension, and no work presents more worthy opportunities for Christian benevolence.

We urge that the appeal for "A Million for Home Missions and Church Extension" shall be heard with favor, and we recommend that the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving, as designated by the Board, shall be observed by our pastors in the presentation of this cause. We further recommend that the "Christian Republic" shall be placed in every Methodist home.

We trust that every Sunday-school in our Conference will observe Children's Day and report a largely increased offering to aid needy and deserving students in securing a higher education.

CLOSING.

Our Church has now three great Benevolent Boards, and each of these should have its own separate presentation in every congregation and its own separate collection. From the organization of our Missionary work into a Foreign and a Home Board we anticipate very favorable results, as our members can now designate the direction of their gifts. We hope that the General Conference will so rearrange the affairs of the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid, and Sunday-schools as to enable the Church to emphasize the peculiar appeal of our negro membership, as well as the vast and various claims of our educational work among our white people, both in the North and in the South.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

We recommend that the Bible be read in our public schools; that it be read in all our homes at family prayers; that Christian parents seek to inculcate its teachings in the minds and hearts of their children; that it be used in all our Sunday-schools by teachers and scholars, and read responsively by pastor and people in all our Churches.

We rejoice that the American Bible Society seeks to put the Word of God into every home where it is not, in order that Scripture holiness may be spread over these lands. The Society is worthy of all consideration. Its work is invaluable. It stands vitally related to our missionary work in all lands, both at home and abroad. Its income should be greatly increased.

It saves our Mission Boards many times as much as our Church is paying into its treasury, and is altogether indispensable. Our Conference has lately made a considerable advance in contributions for this great work, and we sincerely hope this advance will not only be main-

tained, but largely increased. We recommend the adoption of the same apportionment as last year, viz.: one-eighth as much as for Missions; that the Presiding Elder send out this apportionment to all our pastoral charges, and we earnestly request every pastor in the Conference to preach a sermon during the year in the interest of the Society, take the collection for the same, and try to secure at least the apportionment.

C. L. CHAPMAN, *Secretary*.

W. J. DUNHAM, *Chairman*.

EDUCATION.

THE cause of Christian education has a large place in the plans and activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While the name has been modified, the purpose and mission of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society remain the same. The oversight, on the part of our pastors and people, of this fact would mean disaster to this great and important work among the neglected population in the Southland. We place special emphasis on the claims of this great cause.

We again approve the work of the Board of Education as it stands related to Christian education. We recommend a general and conscientious observance of Children's Day; and also that care shall be taken to keep our people acquainted with the design and needs of the Tract Society and Sunday-school Union.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Every age demands men prepared to meet its emergencies. A progressive and growing people will launch out in new lines of thought and action. Many of the things called "new" are old forms with new faces—a reappearing of ideas held many years ago and brought again to notice. The minister of to-day must know the past, in order to meet the present. Our seminaries are engaged in fitting young men to this end. They were never more needed and were never more efficient than now. The faithfulness of their professors, the good report of the healthy tone that prevails in these institutions commends them to the whole Church.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

The Woman's College has had an eventful history. The great fire crippled its finances, but the place it held in Methodism rallied to its support a host of new friends and gave it a wider patronage. It is now better equipped for work than ever. It is equal to the best colleges of the land in affording opportunities for the higher education of women.

a. HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The case of the Hillsboro College is now pending in the Common Pleas Court of Highland County awaiting the decision of the Judge before whom the hearing was held. It is the purpose of the Trustees, through the Board of Education of Hillsboro, to push the matter to a final close as rapidly as possible and thereby secure possession of this valuable property. We recommend the following named persons as Trustees for the ensuing year: J. T. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, W. C. Duckwall, James F. Brown, J. W. Watts, W. N. Bean, J. H. Head, and the pastor of the Greenfield Methodist Episcopal Church; said Trustees to be authorized to fill all vacancies that may occur among them.

We further recommend the appointment of a commission to act with the Trustees, said commission to consist of the Presiding Elder of Hillsboro District, our pastor at Hillsboro, and Rev. M. P. Zink.

b. OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Above all other centers of learning this institution commands our confidence and support as among the greatest and most influential educational plants within the bounds of Ohio Methodism. Succeeding years convince us that the University is increasing in efficiency and influence. We are pleased beyond measure to observe its devotion to all that makes for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

In years past the institution has experienced a deficit in current expenses that has been somewhat oppressive; but a day of betterment is at hand. While the expenses of the last year were \$12,000 greater than those of the preceding, the deficit was \$10,000 less. This is an encouraging increase of income. Ohio Methodists should make impossible any deficit whatever in the ensuing year. The meager contribution of ten cents a member within the several Ohio Conferences would entirely relieve this undesirable situation.

It should be borne in mind that consolidation of certain connectional benevolences, recently effected, does not in any way invalidate the local educational work of the Church. This means that collections for the Ohio Wesleyan University are to continue to have a large place in the liberality of the Cincinnati Conference.

The enrollment of students steadily increases.

The wise use of the Sabbath year granted to members of the Faculty enables them to spend a time in research in the centers of advanced learning both at home and abroad.

In the realm of literature the University is entitled to distinction. A number of the instructors are authors of books and booklets which have elicited enthusiastic commendation.

On the mooted question of athletics no precipitated action has been taken. President Welch thus expresses himself: "As a result of two years' experience I have come to believe more earnestly than ever in the importance of athletics in college life. We are happily situated in our athletic activities. Our sports are under the direction of graduates of our own college, who are men of fine character and excellent influence."

It is the earnest wish of the administration that five thousand dollars, at least, be donated in the near future for the reconstruction of the athletic field. The name of the donor will be given to the field.

There is also great need of a gymnasium for young women that shall furnish advantages commensurate with those which exist already for young men in the new Edwards building.

The religious life of the University continues vigorous. With the Day of Prayer for Colleges an aggressive revival campaign, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Theodore Henderson, was begun. The results were highly gratifying.

The decease of Rev. Dr. R. S. Rust during the year created a vacancy on the Board of Trustees which is sorely lamented. The President in his recent report says: "Dr. Rust was a Trustee from the Cincinnati Conference for thirty successive years. He gave to the institution faithful and devoted attention."

To succeed him in office, for a term of five years, we nominate Rev. John A. Story, of the Cincinnati Conference; and for the unexpired term of one year we nominate H. S. Bradley, of Springfield, Ohio, to succeed the late Robert W. Burns.

For visitors to our educational institutions we make the following nominations: Ohio Wesleyan University: D. G. Latshaw, W. L. Y. Davis; alternate, L. M. Davis. Drew Theological Seminary: C. M. Vanpelt, C. E. Schenk; alternate, A. W. Leonard. Boston School of

Theology: S. W. Bell, E. P. Edmonds; alternate, J. E. Thomas. Garrett
Biblical Institute: G. P. Austin, W. E. Putt; alternate, C. L. Myers.
G. P. AUSTIN, *Secretary*. D. G. LATSHAW, *President*.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We rejoice in the continuous and growing prosperity of our Publishing interests. We note with pleasure the growing circulation of our Sunday-school publications. In view of their general excellence, and in view of the fact that our Publishing Agents report that nineteen of the Sunday-schools in our Conference are not using our publications, we call the attention of our pastors to their duties under Paragraph 349, Section 1, of the Discipline. We are convinced that all of our Sunday-schools ought to be supplied with our own literature.

We are greatly pleased to hear of the prosperity of the Western Christian Advocate and congratulate the editors on its efficiency. We urge the General Conference not to do away with the Western Advocate or combine it with any other paper.

We approve the campaign carried on by the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Medical Society looking toward the extirpation of patent medicine frauds from the advertising columns of the religious press. We have carefully considered a vigorous communication from a sub-committee of that organization, signed by three of the foremost physicians of the State belonging to our denomination, Doctors W. E. Shaw, Edward S. Stevens, and R. L. Thomas, pleading for our co-operation in the movement, and rejoicing that our own official denominational weeklies have been almost completely purged from complicity with the monstrosities of the patent medicine traffic. We commend the action of our Book Committee, our Publishing Agents, our editors, and the Advertising Agent of our Book Concerns, whereby a policy forbidding the insertion of patent nostrums has come into vogue.

Let us be vigilant and courageous in backing our own editorial and publishing authorities in keeping our own columns free from these and other similar advertisements.

We commend the Methodist Review to our preachers and thoughtful laymen, and urge all our preachers to give it place in their reading.

In view of the superior facilities of Cincinnati for the manufacture and distribution of the Book Concern output; in view of the superior advantages of Cincinnati, historically, geographically, educationally, as the home of the Book Concern, we memorialize the General Conference to take no action with a view to removing the Western Methodist Book Concern from its present location.

F. M. KIRGAN, *Chairman*.

CHARLES P. PUMPHREY, *Secretary*.

JOHN PEARSON.

COMMITTEE ON REFORMS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We urge our membership to a recognition of the new birth as the essential principle of the Christian life. To this end we recommend the importance of emphasizing the educational means of grace, the family altar, the Sunday-school, the Epworth and Junior Leagues, the Church periodicals—particularly the Western Christian Advocate—the Epworth Herald, the Methodist Review, and World-wide Missions, and all the

services of the public congregation. We warn against those fascinations and bewilderments of the world that are antagonistic to our religion, and exhort all those who call themselves Methodists to see to it that their example, their influence, and their experience comport with their profession as followers of our Divine Lord.

CRIMINOLOGY.

That department of sociology which relates to crime, its causes, and the methods of dealing with and preventing it, demands and should receive our careful study. We note with satisfaction that the Western Christian Advocate and other Church periodicals are giving valuable information to the public in their discussions of these questions, and that State and national and international conventions are being held for the promotion of investigations and applications of remedial agencies. While the statistics of the world show that more homicides are committed in the United States than in any other civilized country according to our population—and the statistics of our country show an increasing ratio of crime—among people under twenty years of age as compared with criminals of more advanced years, we believe this tendency will be counteracted by the general operation of the Juvenile Courts for dealing with first offenders. We recommend that as far as it may be practicable to do so we will, in compliance with the request of the National Prison Congress, observe some Sunday in October of each year as Prison Sunday.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION.

We are gratified at the progress now being made by the cause of industrial arbitration, and we trust that a new era will speedily be inaugurated in which strikes and lockouts and reasonless fights between employers and employees shall be no more. We rejoice in all the advantages gained in the betterment of working men and women through the agency of labor organizations, and we declare our brotherly sympathy with all men and women who carry the burden and heat of the day, whether they belong to organized labor or not. We stand for justice and fraternity and other fundamental elements of the Gospel whereby strifes between capital and labor can be equitably composed. We condemn heartless greed and arbitrary, selfish treatment of labor wherever shown, and we likewise urge that the principles of our civilization demand that no man shall be hindered from exercising his privilege of working in his vocation according to his desire, by threats or personal violence. To willing people everywhere we urge consideration of the fact that the Carpenter of Nazareth and the Gospel He embodied have given to diligent and honest labor the only lasting dignity and the highest privileges it has ever enjoyed. We plead with all the sons of toil to become servants and brothers in the kingdom and patience of our Lord.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

We endorse the efforts being made in the direction of reform of the marriage and divorce laws in the several States. If uniformity can not be secured in the action of the several States, we favor a constitutional amendment whereby we can secure the enactment of national legislation for the protection of the family life and the home. We recommend for immediate local consideration that our ministers should study the provisions of our Discipline relative to the marriage of known divorcees, and to the end that the preacher may the more readily know the status of divorced applicants for the marriage service, we would

urge agitation for a State law providing for the insertion of information concerning divorcees in the marriage license as is already done in Pennsylvania.

TEMPERANCE.

During the past winter two hundred and fifty anti-liquor bills were passed in various States, and, although there were strenuous efforts by the liquor people, not one pro-liquor measure became a law.

One of the greatest victories of the past year was won in Illinois, when, after years of persistent effort, a Township, Precinct, Ward, and City Local Option Law was passed. Advanced temperance legislation was obtained in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Georgia, and in nearly all of the other Southern States. Arkansas and Mississippi have only nine wet counties. Texas has one hundred and fifty-two dry counties. The Alabama Legislature passed the Anti-Jug Law and also County Local Option. Tennessee has marched on under the extension of the Adams Law until only three wet cities remain, viz.: Memphis, Nashville, and Chattanooga. West Virginia has for consideration a proposed prohibition constitutional amendment. Kentucky has really surprised the nation. With ninety-one dry counties with only twenty-five wet towns and cities, with seventy-six per cent of the population living in dry territory, and with ninety-seven per cent of the map made white by law, Kentucky, the former stronghold of the liquor-traffic, is surely destined to go dry!

We rejoice over the new victories of our own beloved State. Our hopes of a year ago have been more than realized. Our General Assembly heard the voice of the people and gave us strong temperance laws. The Roberts Dance Hall Law, the powerful and effective Search and Seizure Law, and the Jones Residence District Local Option Law. For these we are profoundly thankful. We now have more than eleven hundred and fifty dry townships, and more than four hundred and seventy-five dry towns and cities. More than 400,000 people of our great cities have used the Residence District Local Option laws successfully and banished the saloon. About seventy-five per cent of our State has been made dry, and almost one-half of our entire population is living in that dry territory.

We are rallying our forces now for County Local Option. It is the next step, logically, in our conflict. With this law let us also demand the right of women to express their sentiments effectively on all local option questions. In pulpit, press, and in private conversation let us labor persistently and unitedly for the passage of these measures. In view of these things be it therefore

Resolved, 1. That we express our gratitude to Almighty God for the manifest tokens of His presence and power among the leaders of temperance reform in the State and nation. We note with joy the increasingly united efforts of the Church and all moral forces for the overthrow of the liquor-traffic. In leading these forces engaged in the conflict we believe the Church is proving her loyalty to Jesus Christ.

2. That the Anti-Saloon League has been an effective agent of the Church and moral forces of the nation in the crystalizing of public sentiment against the worst enemy of the Church, and the enactment of laws in accordance with that sentiment for the relief of suffering humanity; that we believe in their sane methods; that we hereby commend the organization to the faithful support of the people, and pledge our heartiest co-operation.

3. That we hereby express our belief in the right of women to vote (or remonstrate) in all local option issues; that we hereby heartily endorse the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other temperance

organizations working to this end; that we pledge them also our united support for the passage of such a law by the General Assembly of Ohio.

4. We nominate as delegates to the twelfth National Anti-Saloon League Convention, to be held at Norfolk, Va., September 16-19, 1907, the following: Heber D. Ketcham, Charles L. Conger.

5. We rejoice in the opportunity to commend the courage, fortitude, and high moral ideals of President Roosevelt as embodied in his personal character and in the principles he has advocated, as embodied in the national legislation of the past few years. We believe that some of the measures he has suggested, but which have not yet been incorporated into law, will, when adopted, relieve the land from the dangers involved in the colossal combinations of capital, wielded by men who have acted regardless of law and of popular rights.

JESSE B. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

J. E. H. SENTMAN, *Chairman*.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

At the close of this, its fifty-sixth session, and of its third session held in this classic city of Oxford, the Cincinnati Annual Conference expresses its sense of indebtedness and gratitude in the following resolutions:

1. That we are grateful to God for having preserved our brother, Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, during the long and perilous journey of his official visit to the Orient, and for having brought him in full measure of health and strength to preside over our Conference sessions; that we have greatly enjoyed companionship with Bishop Spellmeyer while he has so directed the business of the Conference as to facilitate its progress, and that his preaching and spiritual ministrations have afforded us much edification.

2. That we have greatly enjoyed the visit of Bishop John M. Walden and Mrs. Walden to our Conference, and that we are grateful to God for their preservation and abundant usefulness to the Church.

3. That we record our grateful acknowledgements to the pastor, Charles L. Bovard, and membership of this Church and to the citizens of Oxford for their hospitable provision for the wants, comforts, and pleasure of the Conference; to the choir of the Church for excellent music; to the ladies for flowers; to Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President, Dean Harvey C. Minnich, and to other officers of the Miami University for their generous hospitality and the use of Hepburn Hall and for other accommodations.

4. That we thank Dr. Mary Sawyer, President of the Western College for Women, and her associates for having generously provided transportation, entertainment, and refreshments for members of the Conference at that great and prosperous institution of learning.

5. That we have been favored and helped by the evangelistic services conducted by Dr. Theodore S. Henderson during our meeting, and that we will be glad to have his services in our institutions of learning at any time and at future sessions of our Conference.

6. That the interchange of greetings between our Conference and the Lay Electoral Conference, and the joint session of these two bodies held on Friday afternoon, have given us joy inexpressible, and that the memories of these privileges shall be long and gratefully cherished as affording us encouragement and enthusiasm in the work of our common Master in which they and we are alike engaged.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary*.

A. D. MADDOX, *President*.

WOMAN'S WORK.

ONE of the harbingers of increasing good to the world consists in the new opportunities afforded to our girls and young women for educational equipment and for training for Christian work. We give God-speed to all our women's organizations, especially the Woman's Home and Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and we commend Glenn Industrial Home and Elizabeth Gamble Training School and Christ Hospital in view of the work deaconesses and nurses are achieving under their direction among the poor. We exhort pastors to be diligent and wise in counseling young women to avail themselves of the hitherto unmatched facilities which now present themselves for extended usefulness at home and abroad.

JESSE B. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

THE spiritual work of the young people of our Church is a cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing. We are grateful to God for the magnificent work of the young people throughout the Conference. To maintain and advance the high ideal of life in the present year, we submit a few recommendations of living importance:

1. We recommend that the Epworth League be of the young people and officered by the young people, receiving required counsel and needed aid from maturer Christians.

2. That the Epworth League service be understood to be an additional service, and in no way a substitute for the regular Church worship.

3. We recommend that our young people be impressed to recognize the value of choice companionships, the ennobling results of the Christian views of life, and the enriching returns from reading good literature, of which none is better than that published by our Methodist Book Concern.

4. We recommend that the expression of Christian life be emphasized which seeks to save men, and that method considered timely which is continual and personal, man for man, the noblest form of Christian evangelism.

5. We suggest, also, that an anniversary meeting of the Epworth League be arranged for the next session of the Cincinnati Conference.

JOHN L. DUCKWALL, *Secretary*.

VI.

Miscellany.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

ON May 31st the Conference Deaconess Board licensed Misses Idonia Barnes, Carrie Darnell, Bessie Mayer, and Mary Stewart as deaconesses.

On July 13, 1907, Miss Eva Adelle Sharpe was received by transfer from the Rock River Conference.

We recommend the renewal of the license of each of the following named deaconesses: Dora Adron, Lucy Banting, Idonia Barnes, Anna Basset, Mary V. Cameron, Clara H. Close, Adda B. Day, Carrie Darnell, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, Lula May Eyre, Blanche Fuller, Marguerite Gloub, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Nettie B. Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Lucelia House, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Harriet L. Kemper, Elenora Kittell, Evangeline Loufbourrow, Bertha Lukemeier, Leila Lybarger, Bessie Mayer, Mary McEwen, Harriet Malott, Lillian Manler, S. M. Martin, Edythe L. Nevitt, India Paff, Ida Pennell, Mary Pickett, Hannah M. Pierce, Minnie Post, Clara V. Potter, Cynthia Richardson, Frances Saunders, Eva Adelle Sharpe, Lottie Sinnett, Ellen Slear, Bessie Smith, Clara Solomon, Mary Stewart, Alice Thatcher, Carrie Thompson, Estelle Trusler, Margaret Wilson, Nellie Young, Pluma Scott.

Of the forty-nine deaconesses under the supervision of the Board at the beginning of the year, forty-six are still with us. Miss Felicia Black was married, Miss Anna Sandige was transferred to the New England Conference, and Miss Effie Austen retired from the work. We have licensed five additional deaconesses and received one by transfer, making our force now number fifty-two. Of these three are employed in the management of the Hospital, three in the management of the Home, and three in the management of the Training-school, nineteen are nurses, sixteen are employed in the various other departments of deaconess work, four in kindergärten work, and four are absent on sick leave. Three others have made application for indefinite leave of absence for reasons given to the Board which seem entirely satisfactory.

One, Miss Florence Rice, has completed the required studies, but not being of the required age could not be licensed, but was granted the privilege of wearing the garb.

An important item in our report of the progress of Deaconess Work this year is the establishment of the Cincinnati Missionary Training-school. A neat and comprehensive manual of the school has been published, which should be in the hands of our pastors and used by them. The object of the school is to give an opportunity for the equipment of women for special work, and will seek to prepare young women for the work of the deaconess and nurse, but also in Sunday-school work, kindergärten work, evangelistic work, missionary work in the home or in the

foreign field. There will be attention given to fitting young women for leadership of young people, assisting in pastoral work, industrial training school for the poor, principles of Settlement work, Juvenile Court work, and all work which will enable a young woman to do her part in the great work of showing to the world that Christianity is practical.

April 18th Miss Harriet E. Kemper was consecrated as a deaconess by Bishop Walden, and entered upon the work of organizing and preparing for the Training School to be opened in September, 1907. She has enlisted the interest of many co-workers, secured the promise of many young ladies who are eager to begin the studies prescribed—about forty of them—and we are assured that the school will open with enthusiasm at the time set.

The building on Wesley Avenue has been undergoing thorough repairs, the capacity of the building for accommodation of students has been greatly enlarged, new plumbing and heating apparatus installed, and new paint, paper, fresco, and furnishing and lighting have made the home a splendid plant for the equipment of trained work in the kingdom.

The members of the family in the Methodist Home for Aged have been in as good a degree of health as could be expected from people of their age and infirmities. The new building on College Hill is approaching completion, and is a source of enthusiasm and cause for thankfulness to all who look upon its complete appointments. It is a building of which Methodists will be justly proud.

We submit herewith financial statements from the Treasurer of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, and from the President of the Methodist Home for the Aged.

We recommend the appointment of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Association, and of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as President of the Methodist Home for the Aged Corporation.

Full reports have been made by the deaconesses of their year's work, and have been summed up by the superintendents of the Home and the Hospital. These reports show an amazing amount of work done, in visits, donations, religious services held, practical help given to the poor and needy, relief of the sick and suffering in homes and in the hospital.

The work of the past year, and the prospects for the work of the coming years, are sufficient basis for the enthusiastic and continued support of pastors and people of our Church.

Record should be made of the Nurses Home, which is nearing completion. Its complete appointments, kitchen and dining-room, reception-rooms, rest-room, bedrooms and their furnishings, make this a home which all lovers of the deaconess work and workers will delight to think of. Miss Lillian Gamble, whose generous gift made this building possible, was permitted to be present and lay the cornerstone, but was not given to see the completed structure. She was taken May 1st, but she has left a monument of comfort for weary workers in this beautiful building.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ELIZABETH GAMBLE DEACONESS HOME ASSOCIATION
FOR QUARTER ENDING JULY 1, 1907.

Receipts—

From W. A. Robinson, Secretary.....	\$14,239 58
From Interest and Dividend on Endowment Fund.....	1,088 64
From C. A. Ault Endowment Fund.....	5,000 00
 Total Receipts	 \$20,328 22
April 1, 1907—Balance in Treasury.....	2,243 16
 Total	 \$22,571 38

Disbursements—

To Miss H. M. Pierce, Superintendent, for Disbursement at Hospital	\$5,200 00
To Mrs. K. R. Haynes, Superintendent, for Disbursement at Home	1,425 00
Sundry Vouchers	9,760 96
To Endowment Fund—Investment (Penn. R. R. Co. Note)	4,956 25
Total Disbursements	<u>\$21,342 21</u>
July 1, 1907—Balance in Treasury	\$1,229 17

(Signed) CHAS. A. AULT, *Treasurer.*

THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE Methodist Home for the Aged was born of a suggestion from the highest source. A plan for its founding in the property secured for the purpose at Yellow Springs, Ohio, under the management of the Inter-Conference Committee, to be under the supervision of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association of Cincinnati, which was approved by this Conference, and the committee was appointed by the several Ohio Conferences. But prior to the next session of the Cincinnati Conference the Board of Trustees of the said association changed its mind, and decided that it would be best for the Home for the Aged to be under the management and control of a separate board. To carry out the purpose, and in harmony with this action, H. C. Weakley, A. H. Norcross, A. J. Lyon, J. H. Fitzwater, of the Inter-Conference Committee, and Robert Johnson, our first treasurer, took out a charter from the State, August 4, 1899. The Cincinnati Conference approved of this action, and appointed H. C. Weakley, A. B. Leonard, and James P. Porter a commission to secure the co-operation of the other Conferences. The North Ohio, the Ohio, and the East Ohio Conferences approved of the incorporation and plan for the development of this Home and became patronizing Conferences, and appointed their quota of members of the corporation. The next year the Central Ohio Conference did the same. So that this Home will forever be under the control of an Inter-Conference Board of Managers, appointed by the patronizing Conferences of Ohio Methodism, as provided in our charter. The governing body is not a self-perpetuating body.

The said association generously loaned their superintendent, Miss Hannah M. Pierce, to this corporation for ninety days to open the Home for us, organize its internal affairs, and take charge thereof until we could secure a superintendent, which was done March 31, 1900, when Miss Elizabeth Ford Irwin became superintendent.

President William McKinley was elected by the East Ohio Conference and accepted a position on our Board of Trustees, saying to our president, "I regard this the most beautiful charity of our Church, and when free from public duties, I promise you that I will meet with the Board regularly and do all in my power to promote its interests." Mrs. Virginia Lang Bosworth, James P. Porter, and Robert W. Burns, all efficient members of the corporation, have since passed on to their eternal reward.

Beginning with practically nothing in 1899, our assets to-day amount to \$350,000 in round numbers, which, with the outlay for current expenses, makes \$400,000 given for this cause. Nine-tenths of this has come without the asking, and was given by the children of Methodist clergymen.

The old hotel at Yellow Springs, Ohio, was purchased, changed, and equipped, in which to demonstrate our need of something adequate and adapted to our purpose. Sabbath, November 9, 1902, while the family were at breakfast, fire broke out, totally destroying it in less than two hours. Fortunately, no one was even hurt. Before the smoke from the last embers ceased to rise, this Inter-Conference Corporation was in session, and calmly planned, in the presence of a \$20,000 loss, and resolved to proceed with the enterprise and build a house that would not burn, one adapted to our purpose. Not a note of discouragement was heard in that meeting. We believed the permissions of Providence to be as truly providential as its allotments, and we knew better than ever the need of this Home.

Such a structure, with capacity for two hundred persons, has been erected on College Hill, Cincinnati, at vast expense. The builders promised that it will be ready for occupancy next November. When completed it will be the best house for the purpose on earth, ideally located on the crest of one of the highest hills about the city, near the middle of a twenty-acre tract, a fireproof, convenient, and safe building, facing east forty-five degrees to the south. Every room will have sunlight every clear day in the year. This part, completed and equipped properly, will cost \$300,000.

Go see it; those who do so can not remain indifferent to or neglect its claims for sympathy and aid. Ohio Methodism has formally assumed charge of this Home by action of its five Conferences, and repeatedly pledged its support to this much-needed retreat for its homeless aged. We hope to take a family of from fifty to sixty there prior to Thanksgiving-day, whether the building is entirely completed or not. A much larger number must remain on the waiting list until the Churches, Sabbath-schools, and benevolent public respond more generally to our appeal for money to enable us to enlarge our usefulness. Five cents from each member of our Sabbath-schools and from all our Church members, paid annually, would support all whom we could provide for in this large building.

Our needs are still great; we must have \$50,000 to complete what is now under roof, and \$15,000 for current expenses next year, or go in debt, for we can not longer delay our removal thereto. Sixty (60) rooms costing \$50 to \$100 should be furnished at once. Beloved, this can be and should be promptly done, and will be if only the pastors and presiding elders take hold in good earnest. Hence, we entreat you and all friends of humanity in His stead who declared, "Whosoever doeth the will of God is My brother, My sister, My mother," to help us to do this work. Take this newest activity of the Church to your hearts. We lay it there, trusting you will cherish it. Surely, if you give it real sympathy and co-operation, it will make the Methodist Church in Ohio richer as the years pass.

Let the Epworth Leagues continue their helpfulness, observe Old Folks' Day, and all give us prayerful co-operation, and hundreds of aged disciples now in great distress will find shelter, care, home—of whose need the Church should not be unmindful. Remember that we can only enlarge our usefulness as you make it possible by helping.

Respectfully submitted,

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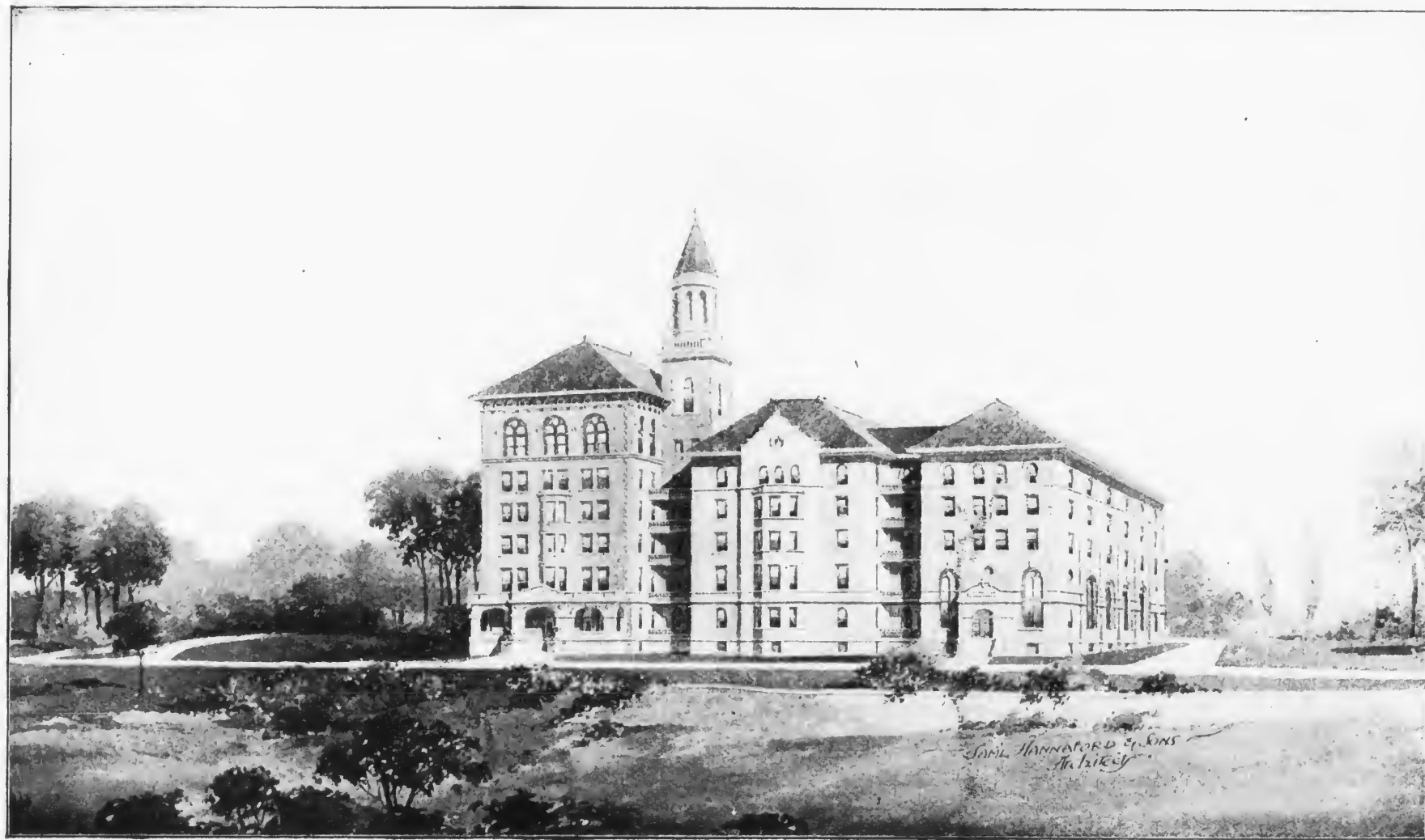
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THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED CORPORATION TO JUNE 1, 1907, AT THE CLOSE OF THE EIGHTH FISCAL YEAR:

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—

Home Grounds	\$20,000 00
Home Building (Expended)	165,723 85
Home Equipment	1,971 89
Accounts Receivable, Estate of Mrs. S. M. Y. Whetstone..	20,000 00
Investments, Real Estate	23,935 00
Investments, Bills Receivable	17,050 00
Investments, Securities	15,795 00
Investments, Acct. Rec.—Estate of S. M. Y. Whetstone....	20,000 00
Accounts Receivable—Sundries	1,394 86
Accounts Receivable—Executors' Estates	9,400 00
Bills Receivable—Subscription Notes	32,500 00
Treasurer's Account, Bank Balance	4,626 95
Total Assets	\$332,397 53

Liabilities—

Home Fund	\$233,027 20
Admission Fund	10,024 53
Endowment Fund	53,800 00
Annuity Fund	14,300 00
Special Trust Fund	300 00
Bills Payable	10,000 00
Accounts Payable, Sundries	9,782 49
General Fund (Unconditional) Balance.....	1,163 33
Total	\$332,397 55

Home Budget Account, 1906-1907—

General Fund, Receipts from All Sources.....	\$7,103 12
Deficit for the Year	323 37

Total \$7,426 49

Disbursements for Current Expenses, Including Annuities

Paid \$7,426 49

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. NORCROSS, *Treasurer.*

LAKE-SIDE.

YOUR Committee on Lakeside take pleasure in reporting another very successful year. The Assembly was largely attended, the program the best in many years. The Bible Conference was most instructive, and the Conference next season ought to bring a larger attendance. The camp-meeting evangelistic services were conducted in connection with the Bible Study Conference.

The German Camp-meeting and Sunday-school Institute was under able leadership, and the German brethren are to be congratulated on the successful meetings and splendid showing.

A successful Epworth League Institute was held at Lakeside the first week in July, under the State Board of Control, and arrangements have already been begun for a greater one next year.

In spite of the bad weather and backward season, we feel grateful to be able to report that Lakeside has enjoyed such a successful year.

From the reports submitted by the officers, there will be an actual cash balance over all running expenses of \$3,500, and a profit from the hotel estimated at \$1,500. Out of this balance there are maturing bonds, interest, and other indebtedness to be met, and whatever is then left will be applied in much-needed improvements.

To meet the frequent requests and to give some idea of the problems and burdens facing the present management, and the success met with in the three years they have had charge, a brief statement of the indebtedness is herewith given:

Bonded debt, 1904.....	\$24,500
Notes Payable for Purchase	1,200
Additional Indebtedness	6,000
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	\$31,700
Bonds paid by present management.....	\$3,500
Two notes of additional debt.....	1,600— 5,100
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Present indebtedness	\$26,600

This being the last year of a number of long-time concessions given by a former management, the Board is free for the first time in five years to altogether control several lines of business, and to insure that they will be conducted in a manner, times, and seasons in harmony with the true spirit of Lakeside.

We have every reason to believe that conditions at Lakeside are improving, property increasing in value, and a spirit of confidence in its future becoming more manifest. In the hope, then, that the successful management of the past three seasons will inspire both clergymen and laymen to ever-increasing enthusiasm to make Lakeside a "thing of beauty and a joy forever," this report is respectfully submitted.

We recommend that Rev. W. A. Robinson and H. C. Hopkins be elected as trustees for the term of two years, and Rev. C. M. Van Pelt be elected to fill the unexpired term of one year of Rev. J. E. Abrams, deceased.

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
M. B. FULLER,
JAS. R. COLLEY,
The Committee.

MEARS' BEQUEST.

CINCINNATI, August 30, 1907.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Oxford, Ohio:

The undersigned Trustees of the John Mears' Bequest respectfully report as follows:

1. By reason of a typographical error in the published Minutes of last year, the principal of the fund in our hands was made to appear as only three thousand dollars, although it is in fact eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), as we reported a year ago and report now.

2. Our receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows:

Receipts—

To Balance Cash on Hand August 30, 1906.....	\$16 79
To Interest Collected on Investment.....	44 27

Making Total of\$457 06

Disbursements—

By Cash to Ohio Wesleyan University.....	\$75 00
By Cash to Illinois Wesleyan University.....	75 00
By Cash to Cincinnati Ladies' Home Missionary Society.....	150 00
By Cash to Cincinnati Conference Claimants.....	150 00
By Cash to Fifth National Bank (rent of box).....	4 00
By Cash Balance on Hand.....	3 06

Making Total of\$457 06

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PEARSON, *President,*

W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer,*

W. A. ROBINSON,

Trustees.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Resources—

Real Estate.....	\$24,692 24
Bills Receivable.....	28,354 74
Cash on Hand.....	30 87
	<u>\$53,077 85</u>

Liabilities—

Capital Account.....	\$48,806 29
Income Account.....	1,571 56
Annuity Account.....	1,000 00
Bills Payable.....	1,200 00
Bequest Account.....	500 00
	<u>\$53,077 85</u>

Receipts—

Cash on Hand, September 1, 1906.....	\$1,508 12
Rents.....	667 61
Interest.....	1,305 56
Donations.....	31 00
Membership Fees.....	155 00
Bills Payable.....	1,200 00
Loans Paid.....	6,010 74
	<u>\$10,878 03</u>

Expenditures—

Donations.....	\$1,271 00
Expenses.....	629 16
Loans on Notes.....	8,872 00
Interest, Annuity Gift.....	75 00
Cash on Hand August 23, 1907.....	30 87
	<u>\$10,878 03</u>

Analysis of Expense Account—

Taxes and Repairs.....	\$406 39
Bond of Treasurer.....	25 00
Salary of Treasurer.....	50 00
Safe Deposit Box.....	3 50
Insurance.....	41 84
Paid Bookkeeper.....	25 00
	<u>\$551 73</u>

Committee Work:

Meetings of Board.....	\$49 61
Trustees Meeting.....	12 12
Printing.....	15 70
	<u>\$77 43</u>

Cincinnati, August 23, 1907.

Respectfully Submitted,

Treasurer.

We have carefully and fully examined all the notes, mortgages, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, O.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. DART.

THOS. D. MOORE.

E. BURDSALL.

Auditing Committee.

VII.

Historical.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

- 1864.—L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin.
Reserves: W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.
- 1868.—A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, William Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong.
Reserves: M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.
- 1872.—J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves:* G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey. *Lay delegates:* Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, J. M. Phillips.
- 1876.—J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody. *Reserves:* W. H. Sutherland, R. S. Rust. *Lay:* C. W. Rowland, W. R. Warnock. *Reserves:* Jacob Chambers, W. M. Meek.
- 1880.—J. M. Walden, W. L. Hypes, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee. *Reserves:* S. A. Brewster, R. S. Rust. *Lay:* Edward Sargent, H. Elliott. *Reserves:* E. W. Mullikin, W. M. Meek.
- 1884.—J. M. Walden, A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, William Runyan. *Reserves:* R. S. Rust, L. F. Van Cleve. *Lay:* P. P. Mast, John W. Dale. *Reserves:* Thomas Brown, John C. Brooke.
- 1888.—C. H. Payne, A. B. Leonard, J. H. Bayliss, I. W. Joyce. *Reserves:* R. S. Rust, John Pearson. *Lay:* John E. Jones, John K. Pollard. *Reserves:* W. R. Warnock, Andrew Coffman.
- 1892.—A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, John Pearson, T. H. Pearne. *Reserves:* William Runyan, H. C. Weakley. *Lay:* William W. Wilson, James N. Gamble. *Reserves:* P. P. Mast, B. R. Cowen.
- 1896.—A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, F. G. Mitchell, H. C. Weakley. *Reserves:* John Pearson, R. H. Rust. *Lay:* George B. Johnson, C. W. Bennett. *Reserves:* Alexander Boxwell, P. P. Mast.
- 1900.—A. B. Leonard, George H. Dart, J. W. Bashford, J. P. Porter. *Reserves:* S. O. Royal, John A. Story. *Lay:* W. R. Warnock, J. N. Gamble. *Reserves:* H. C. Minnich, George B. Johnson. *Provisional:* R. W. Burns, C. L. Greeno. *Alternates:* Alexander Boxwell, Richard Dymond.
- 1904.—A. B. Leonard, J. W. Bashford, W. P. Thirkield, H. D. Ketcham. *Reserves:* John A. Story, H. C. Weakley. *Lay:* Alexander Boxwell, W. R. Warnock, H. C. Minnich, J. N. Gamble. *Reserves:* Philip Roettinger, C. C. Nichols, F. L. Cook.
- 1908.—A. B. Leonard, H. C. Jameson, S. O. Royal, D. Lee Aultman, J. A. Story. *Reserves:* H. C. Weakley, V. F. Brown, G. P. Benton. *Lay:* H. C. Minnich, Orrin F. Hypes, O. N. Sams, Wm. F. Boyd, Wm. Christie Herron. *Reserves:* F. L. Cook, Wm. E. Brooks, Jos. W. Story.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1907.—D. J. Starr, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.

Term expires 1908.—W. H. Wehrly, Geo. Vorhis.

Term expires 1909.—F. G. Mitchell, S. O. Royal, A. B. Austin.

OFFICERS.

President.—F. G. Mitchell.

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Custodian.—V. F. Brown.

Secretary.—W. H. Wehrly.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Members of the Conference who pay \$5 or more to the Society.

*Asbury Lowrey, D. D.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those who pay \$3 or more to the Society, or make valuable and approved contributions to the Society.

Mrs. Asbury Lowrey.

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Miss Vina Dickey.

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Rev. J. W. Winkler.

MEMBERS.

All members of the Conference are members of the Historical Society, and are entitled to a voice and vote in all meetings.

Received this year:

From Rev. J. A. Winkler: Corner book-shelf used by Rev. Henry Bascom.

*Deceased.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat.	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding, . . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.

OHIO CONFERENCE.—Continued.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ L. L. Hamline, . . .	
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris,	
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, .	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, .	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, .	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, .	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, .	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, .	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, .	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, .	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1, .	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7, .	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6, .	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5, .	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, .	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, .	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, .	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Niude,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5, .	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1, .	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.
1898.	August 31, . .	Xenia, O.,	John H. Vincent,	Stanley O. Royal.
1899.	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1900.	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1901.	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O.,	Jas. N. FitzGerald, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1902.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden,	Stanley O. Royal.
1903.	September 2, .	Wesley, Cin'ti, O.,	C. H. Fowler,	Stanley O. Royal.
1904.	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O.,	J. W. Bashford,	Stanley O. Royal.
1905.	September 6, .	High St., Springfield, O.	Earl Cranston,	Stanley O. Royal.
1906.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O.,	J. F. Berry,	Stanley O. Royal.
1907.	September 4, .	Oxford, O.,	Henry Spellmeyer,	Valorous F. Brown.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY
OF THE
REV. GEORGE W. MALEY.

(Written about the year 1852.)
(Continued.)

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September, 1823, the Conference met in Urbana, Bishop Roberts presiding. This was an important week in my life. My two years as a probationer in the Conference had ended. I must undergo an examination by such men as Dr. M. Ruter, J. Young, Jos. McMahan, and Benj. Ellis. O, how the perspiration broke on me that warm night up-stairs at Judge Reynolds! Dr. R. asked me one question out of the works of Josephus: "Where did Moses get his Ethiopian wife?" I was posted so well here, I proceeded to give the history in detail, when the committee stopped me, and took me on trust for half the balance. Still, I was in suspense until Saturday, when the committee reported my case, and by the votes of my brethren, poorly furnished as I was for the work, I was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders. Brother A. W. Elliott came to let me know the action of the Conference, adding: "I must decrease, but you will increase." Also informing me that I might now take a seat in the Conference and have a vote and liberty of speech.

Sabbath was a high day, the day when the Bishop usually preaches at Conference, and the day of ordination of deacons and elders. I stood up and knelt down with my class in the presence of God and the whole congregation, and took upon me the vows of office, with prayers and tears. At the close of the session, Sister C., in the Bishop's room at the house of Judge Reynolds, complained about the appointment assigned her husband. The superintendent very kindly replied: "Sister, it is only for one year. Come to Conference next year, and you and Brother C. may get another."

PIQUA CIRCUIT.

My colleague was John A. Baughman, fresh from the tannery of Thos. Means, a young man of extraordinary gifts, grace, and usefulness. Soon after the adjournment of Conference I received a letter from Col. Wm. McLean, of Piqua, who was then a member of Congress elect from Dayton District. Here I transcribe an extract from his letter: "The Trojans want you to settle with them, but they have no vacant house, neither can one be obtained in Piqua, but as I am going to Washington City this fall, I have concluded to let you occupy my law office on the lot where my family reside, without fee or reward. While we have a loaf, you shall have half. And now, George, I command you to accept the above offer." While I am now writing I stop and record, as this is August 2, 1858, the anniversary that gave me spiritual life, by faith and

love in Christ Jesus. About this hour I was exclaiming, between hope and despair: "O, wretched man that I am, etc." "O, most merciful God, what shall I render unto Thee for all Thy benefits unto me?" "From this, my natal hour, I dedicate myself to Thee afresh through Thy blessed Son, my Lord and my God." The first Sabbath after Conference I reached Piqua. I found Brother Elo T. holding a two-days' meeting, and preaching on the history of Onesimus and Philemon. My predecessors were D. D. Davisson and the aged R. W. Finley, the father of all the Finleys. This circuit contained in its territory most of Miami, and parts of Clark, Champaign, Montgomery, and Shelby Counties, rich in soil and abundant in the productions of the country.

METHODIST WHISKY-MAKERS.

Along the bluffs of the Great Miami River, north of Dayton, a continuous cloud of smoke arose from four or five Methodist distilleries. At a meeting house centrally located between two of them, J. B. F. came in those days to hold a quarterly meeting. He put up on Sabbath at the house of Esquire W. In the afternoon, taking a walk, he espied a still house under the covert of the hill. He returned to the house and said, "Sister W., whose distillery is that down in the hollow?" "O," answered the downright clever old lady, "It is ours, Brother F." "Then," said the elder, "I want my horse." In spite of all remonstrance he put off to the next farm, and with saddlebags on arm walked into Brother L-'s. His horse was soon disposed of, and he received a hearty welcome. The host was at his post down the hill. Again the elder, walking about, discovered another black smoke issuing from a whisky manufactory. He inquired for the ownership, and was told that it belonged to Mr. L—. "Then," said the warm temperance preacher, "I must have my horse, and seek other quarters. I will not lodge with Methodist whisky-makers." He landed at old Brother Shepard's, in the White Oak flats. Next day, Sabbath, he gave such a rebuke to Church members engaged in the whisky traffic that the craft was endangered. Old Sister W—, when I traveled there, complained to me about the elder, and as an offset to the public insult he had given them, said: "Brother E. is a better preacher. He did not expose us so. He said a stew was good for a cold. And he often had a cold when he staid at our house."

What a noble army of members composed this circuit! What society, friendship, and love reigned triumphant! The venerable John Collins presided over the district, which extended from the bank of the Ohio to our northern boundary. What neatness of person; how apostolic in appearance and in his ministrations! Peace to his manes!

Judge Tatman, in early days a traveling preacher, lived on a farm in peace and plenty here. I had heard of his strength as a preacher, and I was afraid. But he cured me with one remark, namely: "When I go to preaching, I do n't go to hear great things and wise things from books. If this was my object I would stay at my library; but I go to meeting to feel, to get happy." Blessed man he was!

OLD-TIME QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

This was a glorious year. The quarterly meetings were not looked to so much as business meetings as seasons of renewing of Christian friendships and covenants; of conversions and ingatherings to the fold of the great Shepherd of the sheep.

In April, 1824, what a time of refreshing was our quarterly meeting in Troy! During the interim between the public meetings the town was vocal with singing where our people were entertained from different parts of the large circuit. The "Love-feast" was a heaven to go to heaven in.

At the close the sheriff (Major Levi Hart,—Ed.) and his wife, old Sister Hart, and Sally Ann, the daughter, who afterward became the wife of John W. Clark, now of the Ohio Conference (1858), and a goodly number of others who were worthy, came to the spot where we stood inviting, and gave themselves to God and His Church. A very nice woman of a sister Church complained about having her rest interrupted at night by the noise of our meetings. She also, with her pastor, expressed disappointment at the decision Mrs. Hart had made in not joining their congregation, as they had expected her to do for some years. The old lady apologized by saying she loved and respected them, but the Methodists had such good love-feasts and class-meetings that she preferred being a Methodist.

JOHN P. DURBIN.

We had an appointment on the west side of Still Water River, organized in '19 or '20, by the youthful John P. Durbin, during his first year while traveling Greenville Circuit. The settlement was composed of Quakers, regular and irregular principally. The young itinerant, either by application or invitation, got an appointment in the school-house. He won a goodly number over to his standard, embracing some of the best Quaker families in that country. More than thirty years ago they built a Methodist Chapel, and called it Concord. In this neighborhood I found the pious old George Hoffman, a brother of Joseph, one of the Bishops of the U. B. Church. Brother George was a local preacher in the M. E. Church and a presiding elder among the U. B. in Christ at the same time. At R. McFarland's house we had a week-day appointment, one of the green spots in all that country. The work of the Lord broke out in the early part of the year, and made almost a clean sweep of every sinner in the neighborhood. There was one notable exception, a man of Dutch extraction. He staid at home and tried to induce others to do so—a persecutor. A good Brother Bryan and his wife had to pass along a pathway by Barger's farm to their meeting house. There stood a dead tree. He was so enraged that he wished that the tree would fall upon them and kill them. After the revival had progressed a few months none were left to join him in opposing. He heard that his Squire and Captain had been converted. The sound of prayer and praise from new born souls reached his ears at home. Finally he said that he thought he would go and see what it all meant. It was Brother Baughman's day. Barger got an awful gospel harpooning. He was found upon the floor confessing publicly his sins and hatred of God and the Methodists while he rolled to and fro under the benches. Among other acknowledgments he made this: "Oh what a sinner I have been! So many years I have ate good wheat bread and never thanked the Lord for it." And the Lord forgave him upon his true repentance, and a bold witness he became for religion, went home and brought his wife to seek the same blessing. She obtained the like precious faith, and they were numbered with the society and called upon the name of the Lord morning and evening.

PATRIOTISM IN A MEETING HOUSE.

The citizens of Piqua had a celebration of the Fourth of July that year, and occupied the Methodist Chapel for the reading of the Declaration, and for the delivery of the oration after. Old Brother D., an excellent man, who resided two miles in the country, rode up to my door. I saw that his righteous soul was vexed. I felt very conciliatory. "What had you such a set of men in the Methodist meeting-house for the other day?" was the salutation. I answered I supposed the trustees had consented. "I did not," was the pious, angry reply. I wished to relieve him, and added the congregation in the house was well behaved; that

I had opened the exercises with prayer; that the marshal of the day had requested me to invoke a blessing at the dinner table, and respect was shown to the religious ceremonies; that our Congressman was one of the number, and he was a class-leader and a good man, and several others of our people and members of the Church were there; that it was patriotic and Christian to celebrate the day when a nation, the finest and happiest on earth, was born. The dear old brother could not believe there was any religion about it, and rode off, but evidently mollified in his feelings toward me, and generally fraternized with me as aforetime.

My last appointment this year was on a week day, at Father Scudder's, two miles above town on the river, for the purpose of baptizing Col. Cox and wife. He taught the Piqua Academy. They were Kentuckians, and had been educated Baptists. They preferred the mode of immersion, a precious couple, warm in their first love. A few days before I went in company with Judge Johnson (brother to the old Indian agent) up to Nine Mile at the house of Brother Hiatt, to take in a preaching place, and form a society. My text was Num. ix, 29; had a good time. When I was about to commence the meeting at Scudder's, old Brother Johnson requested me to preach again about "Moses and Hobab." Very opportune was the suggestion, for my treasure of texts was about exhausted. It was a day of weeping and rejoicing. We marched down to the river singing "Jesus, my all to Heaven is gone." I waded out into the stream with Brother Cox first. His good little wife awaited on the shore for her turn, clapping her hands and shouting as "sweet as the music of the spheres." We held two camp-meetings this year on the circuit. They were harvest seasons for the Church. Many were added and converted. Among the number was Miss M. H., the present wife of Rev. Aaron Wood, of Indiana. This year, I received 146 members, baptized 168, preached 344 times, traveled 3,844 miles, received \$200 for my support, marriages 12, fees \$27; commission on books sold \$40, and attended two camp-meetings. Piqua, thou art pleasant to my remembrance. Here my first son was born. Kindness from God and man crowned the year from beginning to end.

In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Cke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1743	Brit. Wes.	1766	1781	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1731	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1799	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1835.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 23, 1833.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1791	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Vaughn.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer James.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1832	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia ..	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan ..	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newmann.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1888	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde.....	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker.....	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont....	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio.....	1837	1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, '03.
Isaac Wilson Joyce.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Ind.	1859	1888	Died in Minne'polis, Minn., July 28, '05.
Stephe. M. Merrill.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Died in Keyport, N. J., Nov. 11, 1905.
Chas. C. McCabe.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	1860	1896	Died in New York, Dec. 19, 1906.
J. N. FitzGerald.....	July 27, 1837	Newark....	1862	1883	Died in Shanghai, China, July 4, 1907.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt, . . . . .	.....	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . . . .	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan, . . . . .	.....	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Fredrick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

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Charles R. Baldwin, . . .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, . .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O.,	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, . .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, . .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, . .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O.,	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ng't'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, . .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, . .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, . .	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . . .	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, . .	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	31
B. Brown Miller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1850	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson, . . .	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1834	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schinucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1850	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry,	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

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James Armstrong, . .	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	Benj. Glascock, . .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
M. G. Purkiser, . .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	W. R. Webster, . .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
E. House, . .	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	I. C. Page,	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	Jas. Murray, . . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	Mighill Dustin, . .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	W. L. Hypes, . . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
T. A. G. Phillips, .	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	E. C. Smith, . . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Henry Miller, . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
Wm. I. Ellsworth, .	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	W. J. Quarry, . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	Wm. Herr,	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
Alex. Meharry, . .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	J. L. Grover, . . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	L. D. McCabe, . .	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Geo. T. Perry, . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
J. McD. Mathews, .	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Silas Bennett, . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	N. W. Darlington, .	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	Timothy Wones, . .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Asbury Lowrey, . .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Herman Lüders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	Jas. Stephenson, .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	F. W. Hypes, . . .	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Patrick Carland, .	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	M. Kauffman, . . .	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
John W. Weakley, .	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	Wm. Q. Shannon, .	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	John W. Cassatt, .	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
Jas. F. McClelland, .	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19	Chas. H. Payne, . .	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Willis M. Boyer, . .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	Wm. B. Moler, . .	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Sam'l D. Clayton, .	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
David Kemper, . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	A. M. Griffith, . .	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Charles Ferguson, .	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	...	59
Milton G. Baker, . .	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
James F. Chalfant, .	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	William I. Fee, . .	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	James P. Shultz, .	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
Andrew Murphy, . .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48	David C. Vance, . .	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	J. H. Middleton, . .	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	John F. Marlay, . .	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33	T. H. Pearne, . . .	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
Dennis Callahan, .	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	Thomas Collett, . .	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	Adam Miller, . . .	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
Granville Moody, .	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	Joseph I. Taggart, .	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
David Whitmer, . .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	M. A. Richards, . .	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
Richard Brandriff, .	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64	C. W. Gullette, . .	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55	George B. Shanor, .	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
I. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37	Adam Bowers, . .	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51	Wm. Runyan, . . .	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50	John F. Loyd, . .	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51	J. L. Gregg, . . .	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Allen W. Tibbits, .	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43	Wm. T. McMullen, .	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35	L. E. Prentiss, . .	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
Ephraim M. Cole, .	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39	R. K. Deem, . . .	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
William Mahon, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21	J. W. Mason, . . .	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68
Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30	G. W. Fee,	1858	Oct. 19, 1904	78	46
Geo. H. Kennedy, .	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36	D. A. McColm, . .	1880	Jan. 8, 1905	65	24
San'l A. Brewster, .	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36	A. C. Turrell, . . .	1889	Feb. 6, 1905	15	40
Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40	J. P. Porter, . . .	1864	May 9, 1905	68	41
J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48	W. N. Maxey, . .	1855	May 13, 1905	76	49
J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52	S. B. Smith, . . .	1846	June 13, 1906	70	51
L. F. Van Cleve, .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44	E. McHugh, . . .	1856	May 6, 1906	69	48
G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37	C. Hartley,	1887	Dec. 8, 1905	47	28
W. E. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37	R. S. Rust, . . .	1814	Dec. 22, 1906	91	62
W. N. Williams, . .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37	C. Wones,	1884	Apr. 8, 1907	51	23
J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12	J. E. Abrams, . .	1891	July 14, 1907	48	16
A. U. Beall, . . .	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42	J. R. Hill,	1892	Aug. 3, 1907	55	15
D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48					

Memorial Sermon.

"Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee."—Job. xiv, 15.

THINGS do not just happen. Racial movements are not accidents. Tides in the affairs of men are not purely incidental.

In the beginning it may have been "Va tohu and va bohu." "Without form and void." But from the time "The spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters," man has evidently been the climax of Divine thought, love, and purpose.

No man can study nature intelligently until he sees God, nor can any man study God intelligently until He sees man as the solution of the riddle creation.

Since God talked with Adam in the garden He has been man's best friend. There has not been an age nor an epoch in the world's history in which God was not working for man's good. The advent of the Christ was not the first demonstration of His love for man, and when the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will to men," they sang a truth which had four thousand years of demonstration in God's deal with man. John tells us "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made," and I believe it would be equally true to say of man, for him were all things made that were made, and without considering him was not any thing made. For all things appear to be planned for man's good, and as the poet has said, even death is "A vizored friend."

Yes, all things, with the emphasis on all. For as Paul tells us, "All things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollis, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours."

Take man out of the world and much of our environment is an unsolvable engima, for every thing seems to gravitate toward him; nay, more, every thing that is appears to have been made for him; to serve him. Hence he must have had a large place in the Divine mind.

The man who answered the sneering question, "What do you suppose God cares for you or me?" by saying, "Every thing in nature which contributes to man's comfort or joys, the supplies set over against his every need, is proof of God's Fatherly love and care," uttered a great truth. And how true it is that

"To him who in the love of nature holds
Communion with her visible forms, she speaks
A various language."

True, it takes the spiritual vision to see things aright. In the daisy the botanist sees petals, stamen, pistils, pollen tubes, etc., etc. The florist sees a little beauty of the plant life with its golden center and outer rim of white pointed leaves, a miniature of yonder sun. But he whose eyes have been anointed with spiritual eye salve; the soul that knows God, sees Him in the beauty of the daisy. Yes, to the soul that has learned to know God, has felt the touch of the Divine mind on his own, from every daisy, from every lump of ore, from every harvest field, from every babbling brook, there is a beaten path to God.

On the surface things look cruel, but it is only apparent, for that "God is love" is written on the skies of every day in as bold type as

in holy writ. And in the face of it all, all the sorrow, all the wrongs, injustices, and affliction, Jesus said to the disciples not even a fallen sparrow "Is forgotten before God," and then adds, "Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows." So I am satisfied it is not cruelty that takes us away, that calls our loved ones, and some day, somewhere, out yonder in that ever bright land, I am going to get a satisfactory vision which will change belief into knowledge. When seeing as I am seen, and knowing as I am known, I shall see it all, and see the wisdom and beauty of the Divine plan. Then I will know as I can not now know, that the mind that planned and the hand that led was my loving Heavenly Father's, and that it was best.

Yes, when we get the larger vision things take on a more hopeful aspect. Lives are not like strokes of a clock pealing out on the midnight air, and then lost forever. Nor like a sweet singer's song, filling the air with heart-touching sentiment and soul-stirring melody, only to waste itself in the few moments it lives in our emotions. Nor yet, like the characters who pass before us in the short-lived play, as kings, priests, or peasants, and then fade out of our thought and vision like a fleecy summer cloud. No, no, lives are not like these;

Lives are set into the plan of the ages,

and it will take unnumbered millenniums to tell us the all of any life, no matter how humble its place here.

That old Arabian, Emir Job, who wrote this wonderful poem from which our text is taken, and whose dust had in all probability been peacefully sleeping in its last earthly resting-place, long years before Moses' mother hid him amidst the bullrushes of the Nile, way back there near the dawn of history, goaded by false accusers, harassed by self-appointed judges, looking up into the sky as if he might see Him whom he trusted, and knowing that life here was too short for the gathering of the knowledge hungered for, or the consummation of the purposes and wishes which sprung spontaneous in his mind. Seeing God's loving care for man demonstrated in a thousand ways in nature, he asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Then as faith swung its telescope into the future, he answered his own query, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call and I will answer Thee. Thou wilt have a desire to the work of Thine hands." Job could not believe God would create man and endow him as he is endowed, and limit his existence to the little span of time between cradle and grave. He felt certain man was created for greater things than were possible under the limitations of time and body, was convinced God would not be satisfied to let man go out like a candle at the grave. But He would "have a desire," for the work of His hands would want to see more of man than would be possible in so short a life as is lived here. So, as Job saw and reasoned, faith climbed the mountain peak, and with victory ringing in the tones, he shouted, "Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee." He was sure the grave could not hold him, but that it was simply the open door to the new, the better.

Yes, lives are set into the plan of the ages. "Art is long and time is fleeting," is only true as regards man's earthly stay; so what we do here we must do quickly. Not so with our Heavenly Father. He is not limited by time. He is not careful to complete to-day what He began yesterday, but can adjust His plans to limitless ages; so we see Him working out His plans and processes in nature.

Way back yonder in time, ages upon ages ago, by processes we do not know, He formed the diamond and hid it in yonder gravel bed until such time as man should want it. How long ago? Oh, I do not know.

I will not even hazard a guess. I think, about the same time, by processes of heat, pressure, and chemical action, He built the gold into the stratas of the rock, there to lie and wait the call of man.

So that pile of dirty, grimy coal in your cellar, with which you warm your house, cook your food, generate steam by which the wheels of commerce are moved, was at one time—how long ago I do not know—but at one time, was reeds, rushes, ferns, and mammoth forest. Living their allotted time here, they decayed, just as our vegetation decays, and fell to the ground; then came earth upheavels, flooding of valleys filled with the debris of decaying vegetation and forests. Then land slips, and the vegetation was buried under great masses of earth, there to lie subject to chemical influences and processes that changed the mass into coal, and now we are burning the forests which passed from the earth's surface ages and ages ago.

But that diamond must be taken from its companion gravel to the lapidary, there to be cut, ground, and polished, losing much in quantity, but gaining in brilliancy and beauty until it comes to the market with fabulous value. The gold in the interstices of the rock must be freed by the crushing of the rock, then by processes of purifying and minting it becomes coin current of the realm, and a *quid pro quo*, an equivalent for the merchandise of commerce. These and thousands of other things in nature, many of which are of equal slow growth and development, are set there in earth's storehouse, set over against the day of man's need, evidencing God's planning for man, and as the apostle wrote to the Church at Corinth, we can write to all men, "All things are for your sakes." And do you suppose for one moment you can get me to believe that these supplies set over against man's need, stored away in nature's warerooms until he should call for them, shall be longer lived than he for whom they were formed? You may believe it if you so wish, but not I. With Job I believe I was created for two worlds at least; more than that, I believe I was created for companionship with God.

Independent of the scores of precious promises culminating in the words of the Christ, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Which floods the future with light and hope. The entire family of man, of every age, in every clime, of every stage of mental culture, or lack of culture, has believed he was built for other worlds than this, and has looked to the future for a life relieved of present limitations, that should permit the widest development of mind and soul; where every psychical hunger should be satisfied. AND DON'T YOU KNOW A UNIVERSAL HUNGER IS A PROPHECY, AND IS SURE OF FULFILLMENT?

Yes, life is too big to be bounded by cradle and grave. Its possibilities too many to be developed in threescore years and ten. This present life is spent in this earthly ante-room to the larger life, this preparation place for other worlds. Like the diamond, the gold, the coal, we are here in God's great laboratory, being fitted for the larger, the better. No, no! God is not cruel. We may think Him so, but we are mistaken. In the larger life out yonder we will see it, and know "Our Heavenly Father doeth all things well." And how rapidly we are moving out to that other country! If I mistake not, there are only three men living who were members of this Conference at its organization—William H. Sutherland, James T. Bail, and Milton P. Zink. How fast we are dropping, as

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the springs run dry;
One by one beyond recall,
Summer roses droop and die."

So we are going, slipping away, moving out to that other country. Society is kaleidoscopic; it will never again be just as it is to-day, for we are dropping like the roses. But what of it? If we are only ready for the call, we will simply move out to a better country, to "a city that hath foundations," where all is well, where all the hungers of the soul shall be satisfied, where nothing shall mar the peace, where time shall not be measured, **FOR THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT THERE.**

This year four of our brethren have gone over into that better land; have transferred from the Corps honorable to the Corps triumphant; have laid down the sword to take up the harp. Richard S. Rust, whose ninety-one years, crowded with activities, make a record of work equaled by few. Whose years of devotion to the interests of the Freedmen of this land make his name to be loved and honored in thousands of homes. And why not? For he has probably done as much to enhance the interests and improve the condition of the Freedman as any other one man, and his most lasting monument will be built in loving hearts that beat beneath black skins. Then from the firing line we have lost three comrades, brave, true, loyal—Wones, Abrams, Hill. With unsheathed swords they fell at the front where the battle was hottest. All in middle life apparently at the time when best fitted for work and most needed. How we shall miss them; yes, and how we need them, for the day calls for men who are not only true, but tried and found fitted for the Master's work. But their voices are stilled; their places are vacant; others must fill the gaps in our ranks, for they have exchanged the shouts and groans of battle for the hallelujahs of the angel chorus.

We could not all be at their bedsides to say the last earthly good-bye, but, brethren, is it too much to believe that their spirits are here this morning? Is it too much to believe they have joined the ranks of that "cloud of witnesses" that we are "compassed about with?" If they are here, if they are listening, I want to say to them: Watch for us, for we are coming, and some of us will soon be there, for on a goodly number of us

"The frosts are falling thick,
And we are on the double quick,
To the camp that is over the river."

But God is not unkind. No, no; there is no cruelty intended in death, but rather an open door to the things better, the "mansions prepared," for as the apostle tells us, "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." And if we could only see as God sees, or as the dying Christian sees, death is not such a monster, and would be a welcome visitor.

I saw it expressed in the poet's way the other day, and I bring his vision to you, believing he has seen truth.

"I had an interview with death.
The place, a lonely dell, winter bound, swathed in spotless snow.
The time, a new risen morn; the last star, paling
As if in fear, retired but not extinguished.
A spirit strengthened me to brave the enemy of life,
And gave me courage to upbraid his cruelty.
My speech I do remember well, and Death's reply.

"Said I, in heightened tone, as if to keep uncertain
Courage steadfast and ardent: 'Monster, of thee
No man speaks well; thy silent tread makes
The house tremble, and in thy cold breath all
Flowers die. No little child is safe from
Thy all-withering touch; nor mothers

Dost thou spare, nor lovers weaving life's story
 Into colored dream, nor saints in lowly prayer.
 Why not content thyself with warring and succeeding
 In the gloomy jungle?—smite the tiger crouching
 For his prey, or the lion in his fierceness,
 Or fly after the panting wolf, or lodge
 An arrow in the heart of the proud eagle.
 Why devastate our homes? Why kill our little ones?
 Why break out hearts and mock our thirst
 With the brine of useless tears? O Death! I would
 That thou wert dead'

"Then Death answered me, and filled me with amaze.
 'Believe me,' said the weird defendant, 'Thy reasoning
 Is false, and thy reproach an unintelligent assault.'

"His voice was gentle, and through all his pallor
 There gleamed the outline of a smile. I saw
 Transfigured Death!

"I am God's servant. The flock must be brought home.
 I go to bring the wanderers to the fold.
 The lambs are God's, not yours; or yours but to
 Watch and tend until He sends for them.
 Through your own fatherhood read God's heart.
 Through your own watching for the child's return
 Conceive the thought that glows in love Divine.'

"He paused. Said I: 'Could not some brighter
 Messenger be sent? An angel with sunlight in
 His eyes and music in his voice? Thou dost
 Affright us so, and make us die so oft in
 Dying once. If our mother could but come; or some
 Kindred soul; or old pastor whose voice
 We know; any but thou, so cold, so grim!'

"I understand thee well,' said Death, 'but thou dost not
 Understand thyself. Why does God send the cold snow
 Before the spring? Why icebergs first, then daffodils?
 My grimness, too, thou dost not comprehend.
 The living have never seen me; only the dying
 Can see death. I am but a mask. The angel thou
 Dost pine for is behind; sometimes angel-mother,
 Sometimes father, sometimes a vanished love,
 But always to the Good and True the very image of the
 Christ. No more revile me. I am a vizored friend.'

"The dell was transformed. The snow gleamed
 Like silver. The day a cloudless blue. And
 Suddenly living images filled the translucent space.
 And then I asked of Death if he could tell whence
 Came they. And he said, 'These are mine.
 A reaper I, as well as shepherd. I put in the sharp sickle;
 I bound the sheaves; I garnered the precious harvest;
 And when I come angels sing "Harvest Home."'"

Memoirs.

REV. R. S. RUST, D. D.

In the death of Richard Sutton Rust Saturday evening, December 22, 1906, in the ninety-second year of his age, there passed from our midst one of the oldest itinerant preachers in Methodism. While he was known throughout the Church and as widely honored, he was, because of his practical interest in the freedmen, tenderly loved by the colored members of our Church, and held in highest esteem among the people of African descent throughout the entire country.

He belonged to that class of American youth who, although empty-handed and friendless, determined to secure the advantages of a collegiate training. His early years on the farm were followed by an apprenticeship in cabinet-making, but, impelled by a desire to attend school, having saved his earnings, he purchased his time and entered Phillips Academy. For reasons named later, he became a student in Wilbraham Academy. From here he went to Wesleyan University, and graduated in 1841, having worked his way through both his academic and college courses.

At Phillips Academy, under the influence of a lecture from George Thompson, was begun that anti-slavery career in which he was conspicuous and useful. He became associated with an anti-slavery society, and would not abandon this in order that he might continue in the school—hence his transfer to the Wilbraham Academy. While here, and during his college course, he lectured against slavery, earning something toward meeting his school expenses, but sharing in the obloquy, and sometimes in the harsh treatment to which Abolitionists were often subjected.

After his graduation in 1841, he found employment as principal of an academy in Ellington, Massachusetts, and subsequently as principal of the high school in Middletown, Connecticut, where his college days had been passed. In 1844 he was received into the New England Conference and appointed to Wesley Church, Springfield; and, in 1845, to Worcester. In 1846 he was transferred to the New Hampshire Conference, where he was principal of the Conference seminary for three years; and during this period he was State school commissioner. Then followed these pastorates: Portsmouth, 1850-51; Great Falls, 1852-53; Lawrence, 1854-55; Manchester, 1856; Haverhill, 1857-58.

In 1858 Dr. Rust was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference to take the presidency of Wilberforce University, located near Xenia, Ohio—a school open to colored students, and, at that time, under the auspices of the Cincinnati Conference. After three years this school was transferred to the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and, in 1862, Dr. Rust was appointed pastor of Morris Chapel, Cincinnati. Prompted by his interest in educational work, he became president of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, and maintained the school during a part of the trying war-period, 1863-65.

In the fall of 1865 he was appointed corresponding secretary of the Western Freedmen's Aid Commission, thereby becoming officially related to one form of the work for the elevation of the emancipated slaves, to

which the subsequent years of his active ministry were constantly and zealously devoted. He was a member of the convention which, in August, 1866, organized the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Clark was elected president; Dr. Walden, corresponding secretary, and Dr. Rust, field superintendent, especially because of his experience as an educator. After the General Conference made Dr. Walden publishing agent, Dr. Rust was charged with the entire administration of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

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College, Indiana, and completed the full four years' course of study and at once took up his work of ministerial preparation at Drew Theological Seminary, graduating in 1889. In November of this same year he was married to Miss Lucia Woolley, of Hanover, Ind. Three children were born in their home and then came the great separation, and the young wife and mother, after less than five years of happy married life, was taken to her heavenly home. During his pastorate at Miamisburg his son, a child some nine years of age, went to join the mother. He often was heard to say that he could not put his finger upon the time and place of his conversion, but little by little there came to him an experience of his relation to God in Christ that was definite. He went steadily forward to the work of the Christian ministry. In September, 1889, he was received into the Cincinnati Annual Conference, and served the following charges: 1889, King's Creek; 1890-91, Dalton; 1892, Catawba; 1893-97, Ripley; 1898-1902, Miamisburg; 1903-06, First Church, Urbana. He began and ended his work in Champaign County, and four of the six charges in which he spent his entire ministry lie wholly or in part in this county, so that it is not strange that at his own request his body is to find its resting-place there and the sacred dust of his wife and child is to find repose by his side. Brother Abrams succeeded in the ministry from the first. He gave himself to his work; he neglected no part of a pastor's duty. He was versatile in method; there was an element of freshness and adaptability to changing conditions that made his ministry ever acceptable. During his pastorate at Miamisburg the present fine church structure was erected and in all the work he was a wise leader. Early in June he was taken ill with typhoid fever. As soon as he knew the serious nature of his sickness he attended to some matters of business, and then in a spirit of faith and hope and courage awaited the issue. There was no fear, his mind was clear, his trust in God unwavering, and underneath him were the Everlasting Arms. Early Sunday morning, July 14th, his spirit found release. Much more might be said. We can no more tell the full story of his life than we can gather by handfuls the life-giving winds that blow from the four corners of the heavens. We can not follow to their end all the influences of this Christian minister's work, but the record is on high. His brother ministers, who have known and loved him for eighteen years, testify to his purity of character, his high ideals, his noble sense of devotion to duty, his earnestness and cheerfulness and brotherliness. We believe him to have been a man of clean hands and pure heart. His name and record add honor to our roll of Conference membership. We grieve at his untimely end, but we cherish the well-grounded hope of greeting him again with others who have passed on before, in the "general assembly and Church of the first born who are enrolled in heaven!"

REV. JAMES ROBERT HILL.

JAMES ROBERT HILL was well born. His parents—John and Dorcas Hill—were Methodists of the olden type. Into their home at Bethel, Clermont Co., O., was born on October 25, 1852, the son, who was to become the true man, the earnest Christian, and the successful Gospel minister.

Something in the life of Clermont County Methodism has been prolific of Methodist preachers. In the older day Foster, Fee, and Cassatt, and in the later times Burdsall, Aultman, Abrams, and Hill, with many others, have gone out to be flaming heralds of the eternal gospel.

Bro. Hill grew to manhood and received his education in the neighborhood of his birth. At sixteen he began the work of a teacher in the

public schools of his county and was one of the most popular and successful of his profession. He was converted at twenty-five under the ministry of the Rev. J. F. McColm. He at once became a most earnest and devoted worker in the Church. He from childhood felt called to the ministry, and soon after his conversion the Church felt this to be his true life work, but not till he was thirty-eight years of age, in 1890, did he fully surrender to the call. He was admitted to the Cincinnati Annual Conference, at Greenville, and for seventeen years he did splendid, efficient work in our itinerant ranks. Brandt, Covington, Tippecanoe City, Catawba, Arcanum, and Highland were the fields in which he labored.

He won success in every place by his pure character, manly life, and earnest, Christian ministry. His ministry was marked by his influence over the men in all these charges. He was a public spirited and helpful citizen, a true manly friend, a loyal Methodist, and a broad-minded Christian.

In 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Donham, and during his whole ministry she was a sympathetic and helpful sharer of all his toils and triumphs. One daughter, Grace, came to cheer their home and to be the comfort of her widowed mother. His last illness was brief, and on August 3, 1907, in his fifty-fifth year, he passed to his reward on high. A large number of his Conference brothers were in attendance at his funeral and he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Mt. Orab, O.

He was loved by those who knew him and his Conference honored and trusted him. He has joined our brothers in the skies, those who have gone up to their crowning.

His work abides and his memory is both an inspiration and a benediction to those who remain.

MRS. ELIZA P. HERR.

MRS. ELIZA P. HERR, widow of the Rev. William Herr, was born on Nantucket Island in 1822. The daughter of Judge and Mrs. Swain, prominent citizens of Dayton, Ohio, she was for many years identified with the civic and religious interests of that city. The nature of Dr. Herr's service exempted her from many of the trials incident to the itineraries of a Methodist minister. For more than half a century she built her life into the home of her early womanhood. Queenly dignity, sanity of judgment, and repose of manner distinguished her. Christ was her ideal and power. For her religion was life; salvation was character. Comparing herself with the Master, she was humble in spirit. If in the loneliness of her soul she ever cried, "Lord, take away pain," she must have heard the Divine answer:

"Shall I take away pain?
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price
And smiles at the loss?
Can you spare from your life
That would climb unto mine, the Christ on the Cross?"

Death for her was emancipation, from the limitations the flesh imposes. She was always free in soul. Death was time of "mooring." The vessel of life was completed. The Master gave the order. Over the

trackless deep this life swept into the harbor of His love. Death was "Home-coming." The Elder Brother gave her the message, "I go to prepare a place for you." The country to which she has gone is neither new nor strange.

DEATH WAS "SLEEP."

"Speak thou, availing Christ, and fill this pause."

At the Methodist Home for the Aged, Granville, Ohio, where she was temporarily residing during the absence from this country of her step-daughter, she sweetly "fell on sleep." The funeral services were held in Grace Church, August 2d. Bishop Walden. Drs. Royal and Weakley, and the pastor of the Church were present. The interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton.

MRS. CHARLES W. BRIGGS.

ANNA LOUISE, daughter of A. M. and Matilda Blaine, was born in Ross County, near Greenfield, Ohio, May 2, 1853; departed this life at the parsonage in Lynchburg, Ohio, Sabbath evening, November 4, 1906. Just as the shadows were gathering, she went home to enjoy an eternal Sabbath in full assurance of peace and rest. In infancy her parents dedicated her to the Lord in Christian baptism. In early childhood she gave her heart and life to Christ and joined the United Presbyterian Church in Greenfield, where she remained a member until after her marriage. She was united in marriage to Rev. Charles W. Briggs by Rev. John Pearson, D. D., April 13, 1886. To bless this union two daughters were given—Mary Belle and Grace Blaine—who, with their father, mourn the loss of a true Christian wife and mother. For more than twenty years she faithfully and lovingly performed the duties which devolve upon the wife of a Methodist minister. Her home was always open, and hospitality freely extended to ministers. She constantly endeavored to maintain a model parsonage home. The work of the Church in all its departments had her special care; and to win young people for Christ was her supreme joy; and this life of service and love for souls ripened into a rich experience. Her sufferings extended over a period of three and one-half years, during which time she bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and resignation. Her aim and ideal was to live the spirit of St. Paul as expressed in the thirteenth chapter of his First Epistle to the Corinthians. Her last messages to her family and friends were in keeping with her life, committing her husband and children to the care of Him "who doeth all things well." She spoke of death as "going home," and calmly faced the close of life, making arrangements in detail for her funeral. Death to her had no terrors.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. Lee Aultman, D. D., presiding elder of Hillsboro District, at the Lynchburg M. E. Church on Wednesday afternoon, November 7th, at 2 o'clock, in the presence of a large and sympathizing congregation. The ministers present and assisting were Revs. Deaton, Davis, Lane, Hill, Gray, Coffman, Scarff, Edmiston, and LeSourd.

According to her request, the family and friends accompanied the remains to Greenfield Wednesday evening to the home of her sisters. On Thursday, Rev. Dr. S. D. Crothers, of the Greenfield Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. E. T. Lane, and Rev. R. W. McBride, of the United Presbyterian Church, conducted a short service, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery in Greenfield.

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CINCINNATI LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

THE Cincinnati Lay Electoral Conference was called to order by William E. Brooks at 10 A. M. on Friday, September 6th, in Bishop's Chapel of the Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio. Hon. T. M. Watts, of Sinking Springs, was elected chairman and William E. Brooks, of Cincinnati, Secretary.

There were 131 delegates present. Mr. Gamble offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a committee of six laymen, one from each district and one at large, be appointed by the president, which shall, with a similar committee appointed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference, be a Committee on Co-operation, to take such measures as will successfully promote during the quadrennium the active co-operation of preachers and people in the support of the Conference claimants.

"Resolved, That we request the Annual Conference to appoint a committee of six—one from each district and one at large—to co-operate with the committee herein authorized.

"Resolved, That the committee so chosen constitute one body, and be authorized to formulate and adopt all plans, and do those things requisite to accomplish the work, and with this view the Quarterly Conference on each charge be requested to appoint a committee of three, of whom the pastor shall be one, for the purpose of promoting, under the direction of the General Committee, the active co-operation of the individual members of each Church.

"Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to immediately advise the Annual Conference of this action."

A ballot was then taken for delegates, and the tellers withdrew to count them. Dr. Gilbert, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes about the Western. The following Committee on Conference Claimants was then appointed, in accordance with the resolution adopted above: James N. Gamble, at large; George B. Johnson, Cincinnati District; Joseph W. Story, Hillsboro District; P. N. Sigler, Dayton District; C. L. Greeno, Mliford District; and H. S. Bradley, Springfield District. On motion, the proposed amendments to the Constitution were taken up. The proposed amendment as to the representation in the General Conference, sent out by the Iowa Conference, making the figures twenty-five and ninety, received thirty-one yeas and seventy-three noes. The one sent out by the Illinois Conference, making the figures twenty-five and seventy-five, received seventy-four yeas and twenty-four noes. The one sent out by the West Wisconsin Conference, making the figures fourteen and sixty, received one yea and ninety-one noes.

At 2.30 P. M. the Conference was called to order by the chairman, and the tellers made their report as follows: There were 131 ballots cast; necessary to a choice, 66. The following, having received a majority vote, were declared elected: H. C. Minnich, O. F. Hypes, O. N. Sams, W. F. Boyd, W. C. Herron. It was then moved that the three persons

who received the next highest votes be declared the reserves. Carried. F. J. Cook, W. E. Brooks, and J. W. Story being the next three highest, were declared elected as the reserves.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution as to the election of Bishops for work among particular races and languages was then taken up, and received seventy-two noes and no yeas.

The Committee on Resolutions made its report, and the following were adopted:

"1st. That we favor the restoration of a time-limit. 2d. As spirituality has always been the life-blood of our Church, we urge that no step be taken which will lower our standard, and we trust that Methodism more than ever will represent aggressive evangelism against all forms of worldliness, expressed or implied. 3d. We desire to thank the people of Oxford for their cordial reception of our members, and we tender to Miami University our best thanks for the use of their hall and rooms."

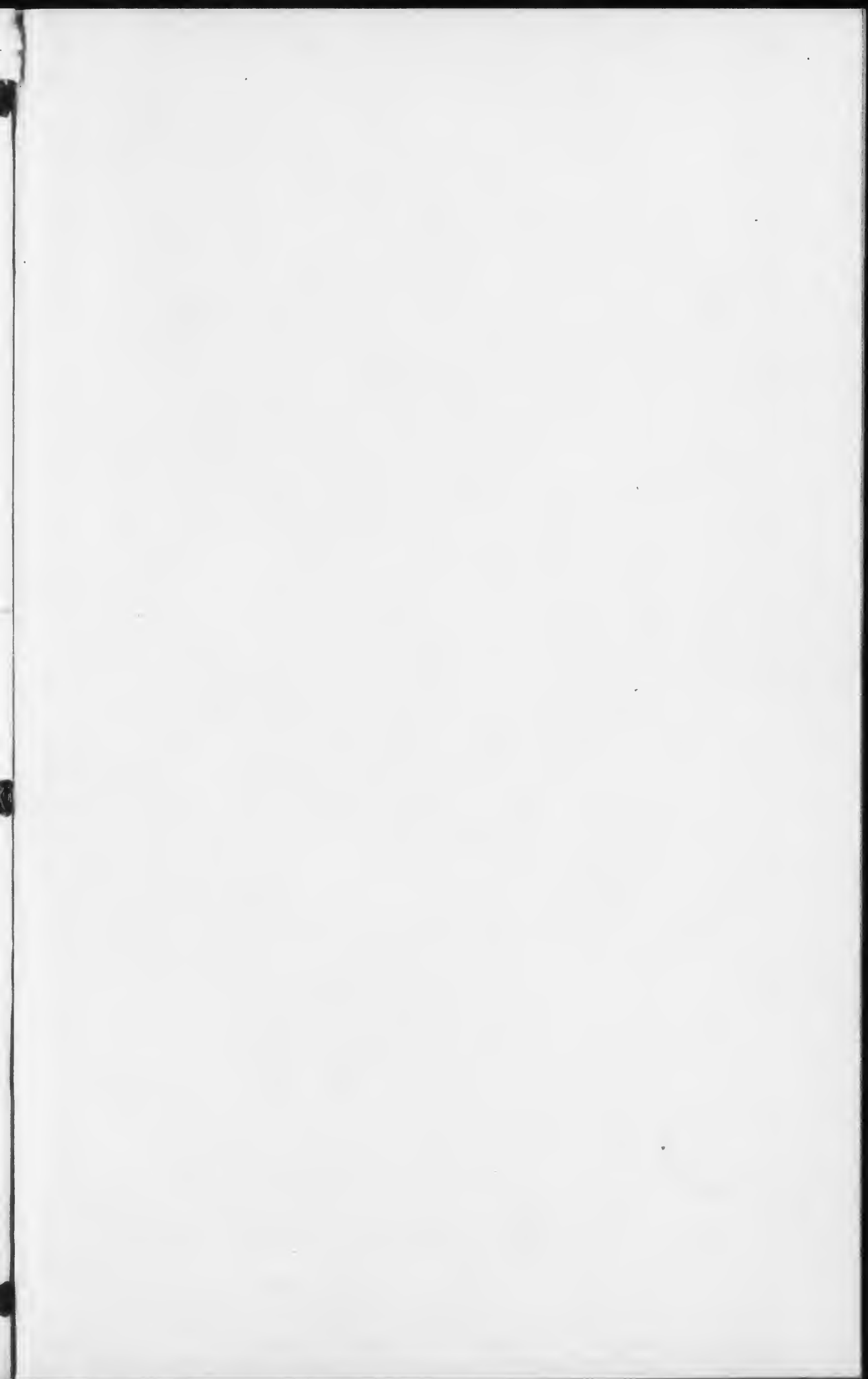
Rev. T. S. Henderson was introduced and spoke on special evangelistic work by the Methodists in Ohio during the coming winter, after which the following resolution was read and adopted:

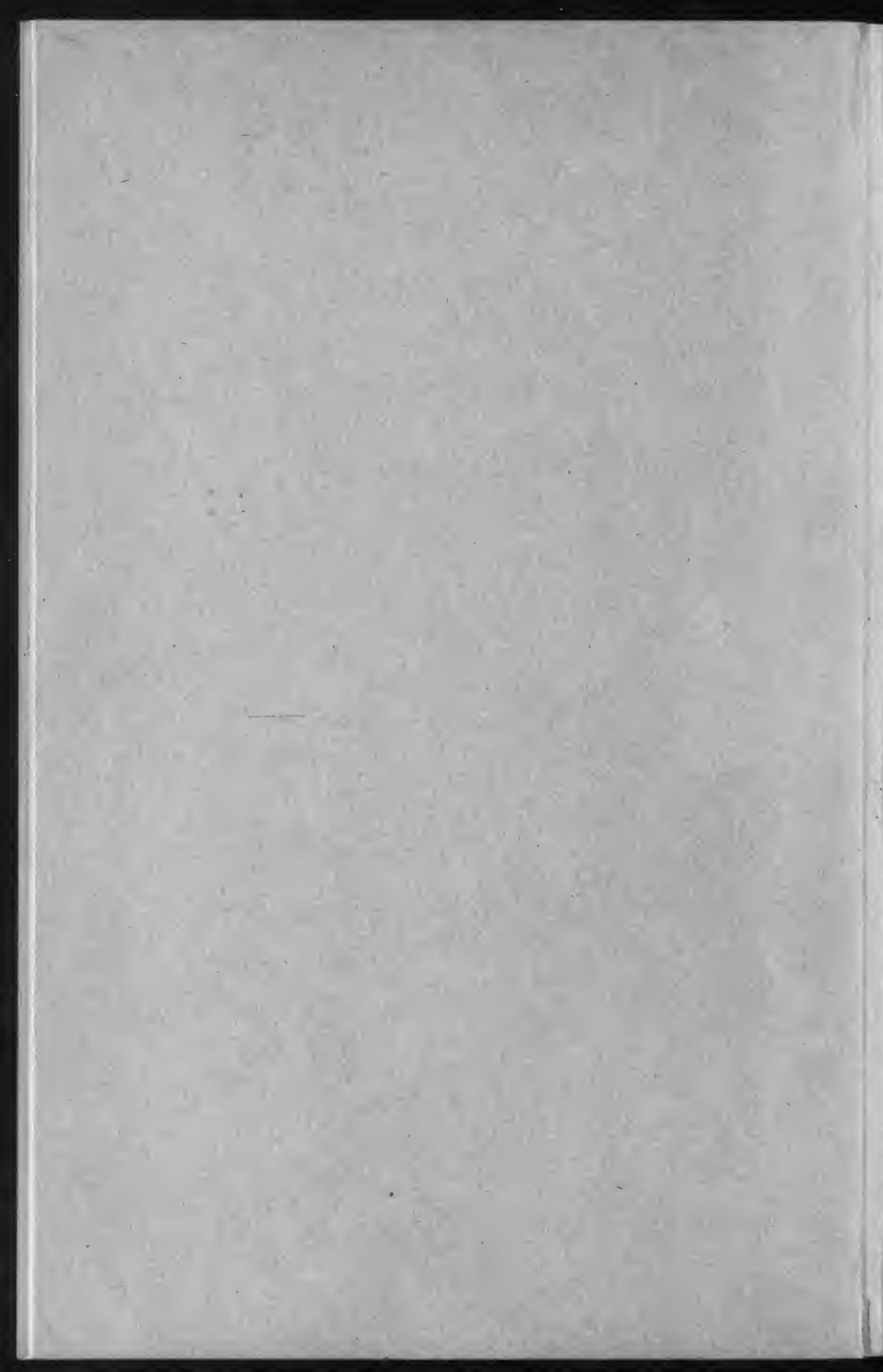
"*Resolved*, That we lend to the evangelistic movement, presented by Dr. Henderson, our support as a body, as individuals, and as Churches."

Moved, that we send our regrets to Mr. Dymond, as he is not permitted to be present on account of an accident he had a couple of weeks ago. Carried.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$14.91, to help cover the expenses. On motion, adjourned.

WM. E. BROOKS, *Secretary*.





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